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# ws Tracker ... What's new with old news

### States

Illegal immigrants smuggling: More than 70 illegal immigrants being smuggled in the back of a truck were clearly in trouble, but the driver ignored their cries for help, a woman who accompanied the driver testified.

"They wanted to get out. It was hot," Fati-ma Holloway said Wednesday at the trial of Tyrone Williams. Her testimony was to continue Thursday

Williams, 34, a Jamaican citizen who lives in Schenectady, N.Y., is accused of driving the rig and abandoning the trailer at a truck stop near Victoria, about 100 miles south-west of Houston. Nineteen of the immigrants crammed inside the sweltering tractor-trailer died

BTK serial killer: The man who authorities believe is the BTK serial killer reached the rank of sergeant in the Air Force and earned medals, including ones for good conduct and marksmanship, military records

Dennis Rader, 60, is accused of committing 10 murders between 1974 and 1991 in the Wichita, Kan., area. He allegedly coined the nickname that stood for his killing meth-"Bind, Torture, Kill," authorities have od.

"His service was very much clean cut. . He did well," said Ursula Soto with the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, "He was just a regular soldier,

Wis. church shootings: As loved ones said goodbye to one of the victims killed at a South Milwaukee church service over the weekend, authorities continued their search for a motive behind the shooting deaths.

Friends and relatives gathered Wednesday at a wake for Richard Reeves, 58, who police said was among the seven killed when Terry Ratzmann opened fire in a hotel conference room

Reeves was religious but never tried to push his faith on anyone, recalled Pat Crivel-lo, who worked with Reeves at a metalworking company.

Investigators effectively ruled out the possibility Wednesday that Ratzmann, 44, was set off by something he heard in a sermon two weeks earlier

**D.C.-area sniper case:** A man was indicted Wednesday for allegedly buying a rifle for the Washington, D.C.-area snipers though not the weapon used in the 2002 random shooting spree

A federal grand jury indicted Earl L. Dancy Jr., 36, of Tacoma on one count of making a false statement in connection with the acquisition of a firearm. He faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

On a federal form when Dancy bought a .308-caliber Remington rifle from a Tacoma store, Dancy claimed he intended to use the weapon himself, the U.S. attorney's office said. During the November 2003 trial of John Allen Muhammad, he admitted under oath he bought it for Muhammad.

Martha Stewart's appeal: Periury charges against a government witness are grounds for a reversal of Martha Stewart's conviction on charges of lying about a stock sale, her lawyer argued before a federal appeals court Thursday

Lawyer Walter Dellinger argued that although government ink expert Larry Stew-



Peterson murder case: Scott Peterson is escorted by two San Mateo County Sheriff deputies to a waiting van on Thursday in Redwood City, Calif. Peterson was taken to San Quentin State Prison after being sentenced to die for murdering his pregnant wife, Laci. Peterson is the 644th person awaiting lethal injection in California. Judge Alfred A. Delucchi denied a defense request for a new trial.

art was subsequently acquitted — the charges he had faced should lead to "virtually automatic reversal" of Martha Stewart's con-

Dellinger also said it was unfair of the government to play tapes of interviews with co-defendant Peter Bacanovic when Martha Stewart's lawyers had no chance to cross-examine him

### World

Rebuilding Paris airport: Officials said Thursday that they will rebuild the vaulted roof of Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport which collapsed last year, killing four people — and plan to reopen the terminal in two years.

Aeroports de Paris said in a statement that it was not necessary to raze the entire structure.

al protestors: Riot police arrested about 40 students Thursday who defied a strict government crackdown on street nrotests and marched through the capital, denouncing King Gyanendra's seizure power and calling for the restoration of democracy.

Gyanendra seized power on Feb. 1, imposing emergency rule and putting top politi-cians in jail. The constitutional monarch claimed he dumped the government because of its failure to counter communist insurgents, who have been fighting since 1996 to abolish the monarchy and establish communist rule.

Chechnya talks: Chechnya's Moscow-backed leader ruled out any talks with separatist rebels Thursday at a one-day conference in Grozny that appeared aimed to overshadow a peace initiative in Strasbourg, France, by Europe's top human rights body next week

President Alu Alkhanov said the killing of Chechen militant leader Aslan Maskhadov last week showed that the Kremlin's hard-

line policy towards the rebels was bearing

Syrian withdrawal: Syria's army and intelligence agents on Thursday completed the first phase of their pullback to eastern Leba-non and Syria, while a top Lebanese security chief said he and other officials were willing to stand trial to clear allegations of negligence in the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

The Syrian withdrawal comes ahead of Tuesday's summit of Arab leaders in Algeria. Syrian and Lebanon agreed earlier this month that Syrian troops and intelligence agents would redeploy in the eastern Bekaa Valley or withdraw to Syria before the end of the month

Pakistan rape victim: A Pakistani woman who was gang-raped on orders from a vil-lage council said Thursday she wanted to see her attackers hanged, two days after four of the men were ordered released on bail pending an appeal of their death sentences to the Supreme Court

Six men were convicted in August 2002 of raping Mukhtar Mai, allegedly to punish her family after her brother had an illicit affair with a woman from another family. Four of the men were released on bail Tuesday, prompting an outcry from human rights officials. Mai said she feared for her

Palestinian truce: Palestinian factions meeting in Cairo agreed Thursday to continue an open-ended truce with Israel as long as certain conditions are met, a participant said

"The truce will continue but it requires Israel to stop aggression against Palestinians and to release all the Palestinian detainees." Sakhar Habash, a member of the Fatah central committee

He said all of the participants had agreed

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# Officials crack down on fighting in school

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Scouts, But we

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Eric Goldman

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany - A high school fistfight last week featured gang overtones that has community officials in Wiesbaden and Darmstadt worried but determined

The fight at Gen. H.H. Arnold High School in Wiesbaden involved five male students that the school's principal de-scribed as "gang-wannabes." One of the five was struck so severe

ly in the head he required hospitalization, primarily for a right-eye injury.

"I went up to the school afterward and there was blood all over the place, said a former student, who still resides in the community.

He and two current stu dents spoke of the March fight and the scope of gang activity in the school, but asked that they not be identified by name. "It was over colors and

the school.

Gen. H.H. Arnold High a girl," said a 17-year-old School principal student who witnessed part of the fight and knows the participants. "I find that stupid. I'm tired of the things that go on in

So are community leaders The school immediately suspended the five students. Four received five-day sus-

pensions and the other student got six. But before those suspensions were over, the 221st Base Support Battalion, based in Wiesbaden, notified the parents of the five students that logistical support for the dependent would be withdrawn pending a process that allows an appeal.

"I have a very low tolerance for that kind of thing," Eric Goldman, the high school principal, said Details of the fight are sketchy, but ac-

cording to the teens, it may have involved

"We found no evidence of a knife," Donna Dean, spokeswoman for 221st students who participated that the fight was a carry-over from a weekend encounter, but did not identify the students in-

"It was pretty bad," said the other unidentified student, also 17.

Three days after the fight, Goldman and Lt. Col. Christopher Franks, the 221st BSB commander, spoke to the students about the incident and the Army's policy on the early return of dependents.

Goldman said in a telephone interview Wednesday that the suspended students and other rabble-rousers represent a tiny fraction of the student body. He spoke glow-

ingly of the academic achievements this year and noted that the majority of students are doing well in school. Gangs have no foothold in the school, he said, adding some teens "might be fascinated" by the subject, and may dress and talk the part, but it often ends "They don't have to be

Boy Scouts," Goldman said, "but we don't want them emulating this wrong kind of influence.

Lt. Col. Mark D. Landers, commander of the Darmstadt-based 233rd BSB, also attended the meeting last week, since so many Darmstadt teens go to the school. Landers plans to meet with parents in Darmstadt on Wednesday to explain the recent incident and how the command and school handles disciplinary prob-

Goldman is correct when he says a lot of the gang emulation is for "show," the former student said. But the principal is mistaken if he thinks it's all show and no substance. He then invoked the name of a few gangs operating in and around the

School fights are common, he said, "but [most are] not like this one. E-mail Kevin Dougherty at: doughertyk@mail.estripes.osd.mil



reads his orders to the outgoing commander, Cmdr. Greg Adair, during a ceremony Wednesday at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily.

# Sigonella commander is relieved from duty early

# Navy says personal issue distracting Adair

BY SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Strines

The commander of Helicopter Support Squadron Four, based at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily, was relieved of his command Wednesday, four months early be-cause of personal reasons that Navy leaders said were distracting him from his job, a Navy spokesman said.

Cmdr. Greg Adair will be transferred to a staff job at the Joint Forces Command in Suffolk, Va., Cmdr. John Kirby, a Naval Forces Europe spokesman, said Wednesday.
"He was not fired," Kirby said. "He was

allowed to leave early." Information on Adair's personal situa-

tion came about as officials were investigating the Feb. 16 crash of an MH-53 Sea Dragon on the base's runway while on a training exercise. Four sailors sustained minor injuries.

"The mishap did not dominate the decision to transfer him early, but as a result of the investigation, leaders became aware of a significant personal issue that distracted the commanding officer from the rigors of command," Kirby said. He declined to elaborate on the personal issue, citing confidentiality and privacy laws.

The squadron referred all questions to

The four aircraft of HC-4 were grounded as a result of the crash. As of Thursday they had not resumed flying, said Cmdr.

Cate Mueller, a

spokeswoman for 6th Fleet. Cashman will make a recommendation to the chain of command as to when the helicopters should resume flying, though no timeline was available. Mueller said. Adair, who took command of the squadron in May

2004, was replaced by Cmdr. Mike Cashman, who was commander of Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 14. Airborne Mine Countermeasures, in Norfolk, Va. The change of com-

mand ceremony took place Wednesday. Command was not transferred to the squadron's executive officer, Cmdr. Eric Shirey, because he reported to the squadron in September, and does not have enough time with the squadron to assume command. Kirby said.

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# Acting AF secretary to retire

By LEO SHANE III Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - Acting Air Force Sec-

retary Peter Teets will retire by the end of this month after only two months on the job, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper said Wednesday Jumper's



men before the House Armed Services Committee. Teets took over the post when former secretary James Roche retired Jan. 20, and has also been acting simultaneously as the service's chief acquisitions officer.

testimony

ments came during

Sources within the Air Force said he will be retiring from both jobs on March 25, and that Michael L. Dominguez, currently assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs, will take over as secretary when Teets steps

Dominguez, an Army veteran, has served in his current post since August 2001. No announcement was made as to whether he will serve as an interim replacement or be appointed the permanent secretary.

Teets is the retired president of Lock-heed Martin Corp. and has held jobs with several other prominent aerospace firms. He also serves as the Defense Department's executive agent for space, overseeing all major defense acquisition programs.

During Wednesday's hearing, Jumper praised Teets for his role in the service's space research and combat programs.

"He has made snace relevant to the warfighter." Jumper said.

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# Blender sold at AAFES recalled

A Black & Decker-brand blender sold in Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores has been recalled by its manufacturer because of a tendency for its blades to

In a bulletin dated March 11, AAFES anounced that 18 incidences of broken blades had been reported in several models of the ProBlend series of blenders, triggering the recall of the product.

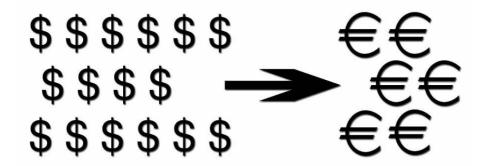
"The blades can weaken or break during use while making frozen beverages," the AAFES announcement said. No injuries from broken blades had been reported, the

AAFES sold one of the recalled models. the BL5000, as a promotional item last November for \$39.95, the announcement said.

Consumers should immediately stop using models BL5000, BL5900 BL6000, and can return them to an AAFES store for a full refund, according to the bulletin

On Tuesday, AAFES also announced that JVC rear-projection televisions sold in its stores in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico had been recalled because of a risk of overheating and fire. AAFES sold 51 of the recalled models, the announcement said.

From staff reports



# Right place, right time for best rate

# Allowances help make base banks preferred spot to exchange dollars

BY TERRY BOYD Stars and Strines

BAUMHOLDER, Germany -Go to the Naples Personnel Support Detachment Web site and there's a wondrous number on a message crawling atop the screen

"Today's euro rate is .7599." That's about 3 cents more than the military's Community Bank rate, which is relatively high com-

pared with private banks' rates. Still, those based in Europe know just how much the dollar's

buying power has shrunk. The dollar — once worth as much as 1.20 euro - has dropped

cash operation

in Europe.

You won't find

another

operation like it.

at Nanles PSD

about 38 percent against the 12-na- 44 [We're] the largest said. tion euro since early 2002 Military per-

sonnel overseas can defray some of the pain by becoming ev. change-rate savvy, as rates terms vary widely between base banks and commercial banks in Europe

Still, getting the best rate often comes down to being at the right place at

the right time. Lucky sailors in Naples are - for the moment getting a better rate than the rest of Europe because the Navy PSD is still selling euros it bought when the dollar peaked earlier this month

Chief Petty Officer Leonard Page, disbursing officer at the Naples PSD, said he orders euros biweekly, or more often if demand is expected to increase.

"On the three- or four-day weekends, they hit us pretty hard," Page said of PSD's custom-

The Naples PSD gets dollars from the Frankfurt office of Bank of America, the San Francisco-based banking giant that operates the government-owned Community Bank for overseas

military personnel. The Naples PSD "is the largest cash operation in Europe," Page "You won't find another operation like it. They call us 'The Bank of Naples.

Page orders about \$8 million each month, supplying dollars and euros to cash cages, the Navy Exchange, the commissary and remote bases such as Gaeta

Support tv, Page Naval Facility,

The PSD sells the euros at cost: "The government's not allowed to make

money," Page

But businesses are.

Community They call us 'The Bank is a business, operated by Bank of Bank of Naples.' America under **Chief Petty Officer** contract for a Leonard Page flat fee said Disbursing officer Patrick T. Shine,

director of mili-

tary and civilian pay services at Defense Finance and Accounting Services. That said, the fees generated by services such as currency exchange don't go to Bank of America but go to help defray Community Bank operating expenses, Shine

Each day's exchange rate includes a 2.5 percent fee added to the bank-to-bank exchange rate the money banks charge each other for currency, Shine said in a telephone interview from his Washington, D.C., office.

"This fee is used to defray the cost of currency acquisition and delivery to the customer at the [automatic teller machines] or teller window." Shine said.

The government's Overseas Military Banking Program has its own treasury, and shops for millions of dollars of currency every day. Shine said

Buying at "bulk rate" yields better exchange rates for Community Bank customers, he said.

The Community Bank rates typically compare favorably to German banks even with the 2.5 percent fee. A sampling of exchange rates Friday, March 11, and Monday, March 15, showed that the Community Bank rate of .727 euros per dollar was higher than several German banks' rates.

The Volksbank-Raffeisenbank in Baumholder was giving .719 euros per dollar and the Dresdner Bank in Darmstadt was giving .715 euros per dollar. The Commerzhank in Darmstadt nearly matched the Community Bank

rate, at .72 euros per dollar. But most banks charge a substantial fee to cash dollar checks then convert them to euros for rent or utility payments.

When Europe-based Americans need euros, they often do the convenient thing - they go to the local military-authorized bank or credit union on base.

First Lt. William Weiland of the 501st Military Intelligence Battalion, said he assumes the Community Bank at H.D. Smith Barracks in Baumholder offers better exchange rates than banks on the economy, especially for depositors. Weiland exchanges about \$1.000 for euros each month to pay his rent.

And Weiland is right for an unexpected reason.

What most don't realize is that

# It pays to shop around

Stars and Stripes compared some fantasy purchases as well as typical expenses, calculating their cost using the spread of euro/dollar exchange rates over a two-day period, March 11 and 14. The best rate for euros was from the Naples Personnel Support Detachment - ,7599 euros per dollar, The worst rate for euros was from Volksbank-Raffeisembank, Baumholde at .719 euros per dollar

Purchase	Best	Worst
BMW X-3 with all options, 49,480 euros	\$65,114	\$68,818
Car payment of 500 euros	\$657.98	\$695.41
A four-day weekend in Paris with a 100 euro per night hotel room, and 100 euros per day in expenses – food, fuel, museum passes and metro passes per day – for a total of 800 euros	\$1,052	\$1,112.66
Rent of 1200 euros per month	\$1,579.16	\$1,668.98
Car repair bill – timing belt replacement on a BMW – 600 euros	\$789.58	\$834.49

the 2.5 percent Community Bank exchange fee is offset by an equal increase in their overseas housing allowance and cost of living allowance, according to DFAS officials.

That's a revelation even to troops and their family members used to coping with foreign cur-

First Lt James Calladro of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment in Baumholder, said he was surprised to learn that the 2.5 percent exchange fee is built into COLA and his housing allowance.

Others living overseas say euro accounts and a little planning can make the dollar go farther. Many German banks waive currency transaction fees for account holders, according to bank employ-

For example, Deutsche Bank waives its fee of 4 euros 50 cents

per check and Kreissparkasse waives its 6-euro fee, according to bank employees.

Jack Dougan, a math teacher at Baumholder American High School, said he avoids some exchange fees by writing one check a month for his rent, utility bills, auto insurance and cash. His Kreissparkasse branch in Birkenfeld charges a 10-euro service charge, but gives an exchange rate 1.5 cents better than the posted rate. he said.

Customers still need to determine, however, whether that bank's exchange rate is better than their military bank's rate.

Another strategy is to use credit cards, which tend to give the best exchange rates, for travel. Dougan said: "Just don't forget to pay off your balance at the end of the month, or kiss those savings

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# Army expects fewer Gls in future rotation

BY JON R. ANDERSON Stars and Strings

WASHINGTON — Top Army leaders and combat zone force planners anticipate reducing the total number of troops needed to occupy Iraq within the next year, according to the Army's No. 2 of-

"I think the next force rotation, we'll start seeing that the force rotation coming in will be smaller than the force that's in there right now," the Army's vice chief of staff Gen. Richard Cody told reporters Thursday in Washington.

Any reductions, Cody underlined, however, hinge on Iraqi

forces coming online.

"It's really based upon where
they are in-country with the Iraqi
units] and security in the major
population centers," Cody said.

In what's been dubbed Operation Iraqi Freedom III, a new wave of units — from the corps-level headquarters down to individual combat battalions are now wrapping up assumption of war-fighting duties there.

The first OIF IV rotations are

slated to begin in June, Cody said, with three brigades tapped to rotate in.

"Those brigades will go as is," Cody said. "It is the latter deploying brigades that may go in with a different footprint," he said.

Among the units slated to deploy in the next rotation are 1st Armored Division's two Germany-based brigades.

Current Pentagon plans call for 17 Army and Marine Corps brigades in Iraq through 2008, he said. Cody said he's already seen several draft proposals from the U.S. Central Command staff and Gen. George Casey's field headquarters in Baghdad for possible

reductions.

Cody declined to say how significant any potential reductions

"The number: yet to be determined," Cody said. "That planning is ongoing" he said, explaining Casey will brief the Joint Staff at the Pentagon on his formal request in April "and lay out what he thinks the next rotation will look like."

In addition to a reduction in

looking at the composition of units needed in Iraq.

Just as tank and mechanized infantry units traded their heavy metal gear for lighter Humwes and trucks as units transitioned from the invasion force of OIF I to the occupation formation of OIF II, Cody said similar adjustments might be made as troops continue

In the end, Cody said, the planning adjustments could mean 'less combat patrol companies or less equipment or a combination

Meanwhile, top staffs — including his own — are being scoured to provide additional troops to augment training for the Iraqi

Cody said 666 staff officers and senior NCOs from the Army staff, Joint Staff and other top headquarters are now getting orders

Another 1,140 troops are being sourced by brigade combat teams already in country to work as advisers with local units in their

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# AF facing possible cheating scandal

BY LISA BURGESS Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Air Force is facing a suspected cheating scandal involving the Weighted Airmen Promotion System test for enlisted airmen, a large part of what determines who will advance in rank and who will fall behind

"More than 10 and fewer than 20" cases are suspected, according to Capt. David Small, an Air Force spokesman at the Pentagon. He refused to give a more precise number, "because investigations are still under way" by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

The investigations began last May, Small said, and three airmen are facing trial.

The case that has progressed the furthest involves Master Sgt. J. Abdur Rahim Saafir, who is assigned to the 469th Air Base Group Commander's Support Staff at Rhein-Main Air Force Base in Germany.

Saafir, a mission support flight superintendent, has been accused of possessing and distributing controlled WAPS testing mate-

In January 2004, Saafir was named U.S. Air Forces in Europe personnel manager of the year, in part because he saved the Air Force more than \$15,000 in travel costs in 2003 by having the enlisted promotion tests held on Rhein-Main instead of Ramstein Air Base, Germany, nearly two hours away.

nours away.

Saafir was charged Feb. 3 and
on March 8, 2005, with Article 81,
conspiracy, and Article 92, failure to obey a lawful general regulation, according to Capt. Stacy
Orlowsky, a 469th ABG spokes-

Brig. Gen. Rosanne Bailey, the 435th Air Base Wing Commander, has appointed an investigating officer under Article 32 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice to investigate the charges, Orlowsky

The other two cases are at Schriever and Peterson Air Force Bases in Colorado.

Until the investigations are complete, there is no way of knowing how many promotions were affected by the suspected cheat-

ing, Small said.

But once the investigations and any resulting legal proceedings are complete, Air Force officials will notify any airmen who may have been unfairly affected and how they can be considered for brow they can be considered for the considered for



# Landstuhl going to computerized records

BY STEVE MRAZ

Stars and Strines

U.S. servicemembers and their dependents will no longer see the chicken-scratch penmanship of doctors in their medical records at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany

That's one of the benefits Composite Health Care System II, a new computerized system that

store patient medical records electronically, plans to

"We joke about that stereotype, but it's true," said Dr. (Maj.) Joseph Flynn, chief of the medical oncology clinic at Landstuhl Re-gional Medical Center. "With this system, you'll have type-written notes so everyone will know what has been done. That will improve care over time.

Training for the electronic record-keeping system will begin next week at Landstuhl. The goal is to have training completed at Landstuhl and its associated clinics by early June. The system is already in place at the U.S. Army hospital in Heidelberg.

Under the system, doctors at Landstuhl and hospitals within the system will be able to access accurate and up-to-date patient

records online. By the end of 2006, the system should be operating at all Department of Defense hospitals.

"This will ensure that all medical record information is together and transportable," Flynn While the paperless record sys-

but those delays will be worked tem aims to end the days of serout over time," he said. vicemembers lugging their medical files to and from appoint-

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Flynn said.

only records dating to August

ing appointments need to be pa-

tient during the transition period,

that there will be some delays.

"Patients have to understand

Landstuhl patients with uncom-

# Navy secretary eyed for top Air Force post

# Rumors have England on short list as replacement for Wolfowitz as deputy defense secretary

By DAVE MONTGOMERY Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - Navy Secretary Gordon England, laying weeks of rumors to rest, acknowledged for the first time Wednesday that he is on track to be the next Air Force secretary, even as his name surfaced as a leading candidate for the No. 2 post in the Pentagon.

The former Fort Worth, Texas, aerospace executive, questioned after an appearance on Capitol Hill, said he expects to be nominated for the Air Force post but declined to specify a timetable

"I don't get to control the process, but I would guess in a matter of weeks or months," he said months," he said laughing. "Is that broad enough?"

England also has frequently been mentioned on the short list of notential replacements Deputy Defense Sec retary Paul Wolfowitz whom President nominated Wednesday to head World Bank But, said England, "the only rumor I know about is I'm going to the United States Air Force.

Defense analysts and industry execu-

tives have said for weeks that England is all but certain to be nominated to replace departed Air Force Secretary James Roche, but the Navy secretary had consistently brushed aside the rumors, even during discussions with his own staff.

Roche stepped down in January after a series of scandals and internal problems Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, said to be impressed with England's performance as Navy secretary, has increasing ly turned to him for top Pentagon assignments and wants to transfer him to the Air Force to help stabilize the troubled service, analysts say.

"I haven't been nominated for it, but it is pending," said England. "I expect it will

Loren Thompson, a defense analyst with extensive contacts in the Pentagon. said England is in the final stages of a background check, adding, "There is no question that he's Rumsfeld's candidate."

But with Wolfowitz leaving the Pentagon, Thompson also raised the possibility that Rumsfeld might abruptly shift gears and name England as his deputy.

"Wolfowitz's decision may open up a position that Gordon England is even better suited for," said Thompson, an executive with the Lexington Institute in Arlington. Va. "Having gone into the background check, it would be very easy to plug him into the deputy's job."

A defense official, speaking on condi-tion of anonymity because of England's pending nomination, confirmed that Bush

plans to name En-Force post with Rumsfeld's blessing, possibly within weeks. But he also acknowledged that "rumors were flying around today" that England could also wind up replacing Wolfow-

The official described the rumors as "pure hall gos-sip," in contrast to the Air Force nomination, which he characterized "on track" and "not

a rumor "If this changes that or not, I don't know." he said. re-

Navy Secretary Gordon England ferring to Wolfowitz's departure

England, a former executive at Lockheed and General Dynamics, has earned the confidence and trust of both Bush and Rumsfeld since becoming Navy secretary at the start of the Bush administration in

As Bush began reshuffling his administration at the start of a second term, England often was touted as a likely replacement for Wolfowitz. Thompson and other defense experts say England would also be a leading contender for defense secretary if Rumsfeld leaves.

In replacing Roche, England would be charged with restoring the Air Force's image after a stormy period that included a procurement scandal involving Boeing tankers, sexual harassment allegations at the Air Force Academy and budget cuts in high priority Air Force weapons pro-grams, notably Lockheed Martin's F/A-22 and the C-130J transport



President Bush meets with Defense Deputy Secretary Paul Wolfowitz in the White House on Wednesday. Wolfowitz, a key architect of the Iraq war whose hard-line foreign policy stance as deputy defense secretary has stirred criticism, has drawn mixed reviews for

# Wolfowitz World Bank nod met by overseas concerns

By JOCELYN GECKER The Associated Pres.

PARIS - Around the world, the notion of U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz leading the World Bank met with reactions that ranged mainly from official reserve to outright denunciation, but there was some support.

Wolfowitz, nominated Wednesday by President Bush, is widely seen as a key instigator in the U.S. push to topple Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein International organizations worried about the nominee's hawkish politics and questioned whether he is right for the job

Bush, who has sought to mend ties with European allies that opposed the Iraq war, called French President Jacques Chirac to tell him the news.

Chirac, one of the staunchest critics of the war, "took note of this candidacy," his office said, adding that "France would examine it in the spirit of friendship between France and United States and with an eve on the capital mission of the World Bank to the service of development.

Japan, a U.S. ally in the Iraq war, gave its support to Bush's choice. The Japanese Foreign Ministry said Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi expressed support for Wolfowitz in a phone conversation with

Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirovuki Hosoda lavished praise on Wolfowitz. "He's a great person and he is well-versed in is-sues regarding development in Asia," Ho-

soda said. "Japan would like to support Mr Wolfowitz

One of those most vocally opposed to the idea was U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's top poverty adviser.

"It's time for other candidates to come forward that have experience in development," Professor Jeffrey Sachs, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and an Annan adviser, said in a speech to the U.N. Economic and Social Council.

"This is a position on which hundreds of millions of people depend for their lives, he said. "Let's have a proper leadership of professionalism.

The United Nations had no comment Development and anti-poverty groups

joined the chorus of criticism. 'As well as lacking any relevant experi-

ence, he is a deeply divisive figure who is unlikely to move the bank toward a more pro-poor agenda," said Patrick Watt, policy officer at British charity Action Aid.

Dave Timms, spokesman for London-based World Development Network, called it a "terrifying appointment" that highlighted a lack of democracy in major lending institutions. A European traditionally heads the International Monetary fund, while an American takes the helm at the World Bank.

"You can't have a situation where rich countries lecture developing countries about democracy and then aren't prepared to exercise democracy in this kind of appointment."

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# Shiites, Kurds make progress on coalition

# Sides continue to discuss military, territory control

BY PATRICK QUINN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Kurdish and Shiite politicians said Thursday they made headway in solving new disagreements in their deal to form a coalition government, nearly seven weeks after Iraqis took to the polls, but it remained unclear when that new government would

be announced.

The talks came after Iraqi legislators were sworn in Wednesday as members of the 275-seat National Assembly, vowing to uphold freedom and democracy two years after the fall of Saddam Hussein

Thursday's discussions focused on whether to allow the Kurdish peshmerga militia to remain in Kurdishan peshmerga militia to remain in Kurdishan sa part of the Iraqi security services and army, and on setting a timetable for the Kurds to assume control of oil-rich Kiruds and allow the return of its nearly 100,000 refugees. Those conditions were included in an interim law that serves as a preliminary constitution.

"Negotiations were very constructive and the differences in the interim law and peshmerga were solved. We have agreed that some peshmerga will join the Kurdistan police and some will be part of the Iraqi army, with the same equipment and salaries and take orders from the defense minsitry in Baghdad," said Azad Jundiyan, a spokesman for the Papolitical party of Jalai Talabani, who probably will become Iraq's next president.

"I think that the new government will be announced on March 26 after the end of Nowruz [the Persian new year]," he said.



Iraqis look over a car that was damaged in an engagement after U.S. troops came under fire Thursday in Ramadi, Iraq, according to witnesses. A young girl standing nearby was injured and rushed to a local hospital. the witnesses said.

The interim constitution has no set time limit on forming the government after the National Assembly convenes. But once it elects a president with a two-thirds majority, a prime minister must be chosen within two weeks.

Earlier, a member of the Shiite-dominated United Iraqi Alliance said there was agreement on issues such as the peshmerga, and more talks would be held.

"The army units in Kurdistan will be mixed and follow the orders of the central government. As for the police force they will be formed from the people of Kurdistan," Ali al-Dabagh said.

President Bush called the session a "bright moment" for Iraq but added there was no timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops. Also Thursday, insurgents fired

Also Thursday, insurgents fired a mortar at a central Baghdad hotel housing Western journalists, but hotel employees said the round caused minor damage and no injuries.

Police near the southern city of Basra discovered the bodies of three men and one woman whose hands were bound and who were shot in the head. Danish troops blocked off the road around the area, and the identities of the four was unclear.

The U.S. military said it had rescued a hostage and detained two Iraqi men during a raid late Wednesday near Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad. The statement did not identify the hostage fur-

ther, saying only that he had been a "kidnap victim."

In Kirkuk, gummen late Wednesday shot dead a police brigadier who was head of the northern city's criminal investigations department, said Kirkuk police chief Maj. Gen. Torhan Abdul Rahman.

Ålso Wednesday, a U.S. soldier died in a roadside bomb blast south of Baghdad, the military said, while a car bomb northeast of the capital killed four Iraqis and injured 15.

Meanwhile, outgoing U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte flew out of Iraq on Thursday after a nearly nine-month stint to return to the United States, the U.S. Embassy said. Charge d'affaires James F. Jeffrey will assume re-

# U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, at least 1,517 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,155 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 20; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, eight; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,379 U.S. miliary members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,047 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 11,285 U.S. servicemembers have been wounded, according to a Defense Department tally released March 8. There was no update this week.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

A U.S. soldier died

A U.S. soldier died Wednesday of injuries from an explosion south of Baghdad. The latest identifications re-

ported by the military:

None reported.

sponsibility for the vacant post temporarily.

Negroponte has been nominated by Bush to be the U.S. director of national intelligence.

# Bomb kills five, injures 32 in Afghanistan

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A bomb exploded near a taxi carrying women and children in the southern city of Kandahar on Thursday, killing at least five people and wounding 32, while visiting Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice said the United States erred by not doing more for Afghanistan after the Soviets withdrew in 1989.

Police blamed Tailban-led militants

for the attack that hit the passing taxi, a roadside restaurant and other bystanders in downtown Kandahar, but a purported Taliban spokesman denied responsibility.

Rice was in the capital, Kabul, about 280 miles to the north, at the time.

The attack broke a relative lull in violence in Afghanistan and could shake U.S. military confidence that the resistance by Taliban militants is fading.

President Hamid Karzai condemned the attack as a terrorist act by "enemies of Afghanistan," but insisted security was improving.



However, he said Afghan parliamentary elections originally scheduled for May will be delayed until September, nearly four years after the fall of the Taliban regime.

Rice said the United States would support Afghanistan as it prepares for the vote and called its re-emergence from years of war an inspiration. American forces in Kandahar helped cordon off the area around the attack in a busy commercial district.

Mullah Hakim Latifi, who claims to speak for the Taliban, denied the movement was behind the attack.

In a phone call to The Associated Press, he described the victims as "innocent people of Afghanistan."

# Denmark's troops will stay in Iraq, PM says

ie Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Denmark will likely keep its 530 troops in Iraq until the country's nascent armed forces and police are capable of taking over security, Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen said Thursday.

On a surprise visit to Baghdad, Fogh Rasmussen said his country and other NATO nations would help train Iraqi forces to help lay the groundwork for an eventual withdrawal of multinational troops.

"Denmark will assist the Iraqi people in different ways, in ensuring security and stability, in training of security forces, in reconstruction and economic development," he said.

Denmark has been a staunch supporter of the U.S.-led efforts in Iraq, and Danish lawmakers will in June decide whether to extend the country's mission in the country for another six months.

The country has 530 troops stationed in the southern Iraqi city of Basra as part of a roughly 170,000-troop coalition made up mostly of U.S. troops.

# Amputee seeks to make recovery, return easier

# Army major knows her subject in depth: She lost both legs in an ambush in Iraq

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Maj. Tammy Duckworth

who lost both legs in an

ambush in Iraq

BY LEO SHANE III Stars and Stripe:

WASHINGTON - Weeks after losing both legs in an ambush in Iraq last Novem ber, Maj. Tammy Duckworth told her counselors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center she wanted to return to flying Black Hawk helicopters.

On Thursday, she spoke before a Senate panel on ways lawmakers and the Army can make achieving that goal - and helping all of the injured soldiers from the global war on terror a little easier.

"No one laughed at me. no one told me I was insane," she said.

"There have been soldiers ahead of me who were allowed to stay in, and they told me about

"But there's no counselor who's saying, 'Here's what you need to do next.' You really have to make an effort if you're injured and want to stay in [the service]."

Thursday's hearing before the Senate

Veterans Affairs Committee was designed to review successes and problems with post-injury care and rehabilitation.

Officials from the Government Accountability Office noted that while systems have improved the Defense Department needs to better monitor servicemembers to ensure they are receiving the care they

need and are aware of the transition programs avail-

Duckworth, a Hawaii native who was serving with the Illinois National Guard said she would like to see new technologies - things like better prosthetics and wheelchairs - available to more soldiers and more care centers, and better job counseling services for injured veterans who can't or don't want to return to

"There is also room for improvement in the hand-holding process," she said.

"AVA representative was speaking to my husband as I was regaining consciousness. But as you go on, you meet so many people and get so many business cards, it



Army Maj. Tammy Duckworth, who lost both legs in an RPG attack in Iraq in November. speaks with Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, before testifying to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee on Thursday. At right is her husband, Capt. Bryan Bowlsbey.

can be hard to sort through. There needs to be a checklist of things to look for.'

Several senators expressed concerns about soldiers being assigned to care centers too far from family and friends. Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., said his major concern is not so much with the level of care now "but in two years, three years, are we

David Hosking, a counselor with the Madison (Wis.) Veterans Center, said he

worries that many troops, both those injured and those who believe they've returned unaffected, don't understand the medical benefits available upon their re-

The problem, he said, is that many don't focus on information sessions presented to them because of the excitement of being home and the anticipation of reuniting with their families.

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# IN THE WORLD

# Rice: Pakistan on 'a democratic path'

BY ANNE GEARAN The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Thursday called on Pakistan to continue down "a democratic path" that will lead to free and fair elections in 2007, but also praised the nation's military president for his courage in the war on

"This is not the Pakistan of Sept. 11. It is not even the Pakistan of 2002," Rice said at a news

Rice declined to comment directly on whether President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who seized power in a 1999 coup, should give up his control of the armed forces and become a civilian leader. But she did say that Washington took democratic progress seriously.

"We did talk about the need for democratic reforms in Pakistan," Rice said. "We continue to work with Pakistan and we look for-

ward to the evolution of a democratic path toward elections in

Rice lauded Pakistan for its help in the war on terror, and for helping promote stability in neighboring Afghanistan. Al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden is believed to be hiding along the border with Afghanistan.

Musharraf earlier this week said his forces had come close to catching bin Laden last year, but that the trail has since grown cold. Pakistan has handed over hundreds of other suspects to the United States, including several senior al-Qaida leaders.

Rice met with Musharraf and Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz on Wednesday, before heading to Afghanistan for a whistlestop visit.

U.S. Secretary of

State Condoleezza

Rice, right, addresses

a joint news conference

with Pakistan's Foreign

Ministry on Thursday in

Islamabad, Pakistan.

courage in the war on

Minister Khursheed

Kasuri at Foreign

Rice praised the nation's military

president for his

terrorism.

Rice - who has already visited - returned to Pakistan Thursday afternoon for meetings with her counterpart. Foreign Minister Khursheed Kasuri, and

Kasuri strongly defended his country's democratic credentials, saying Pakistan has the freest media in Asia, a significant number of women in government and takes extra precaution to defend the rights of minorities

During her trip to Afghanistan, Rice praised Afghan efforts to clamp down on the heroin trade and Afghan President Hamid Karzai predicted drug production will drop significantly this year.

In a March 4 report, the State Department said that more than three years after installing a pro-U.S. government, Afghanistan has been unable to contain opium poppy production and is on the verge of becoming a narcotics state.

Rice also applauded Afghan steps toward democracy, includ-ing presidential elections that marked the first time many Afghans had ever cast votes and said the United States will not abandon the country.

# In honor of the green

Who else but the sainted man himself could lead the St. Patrick's Day parade down O'Connell Street in Dublin, Ireland, on Thursday? More than 500,000 turned out to watch, but while the midday parade passed in a iovial. family-friendly atmosphere, police were braced for probable alcoholfueled trouble in the afternoon and



# U.S. won't criticize China on human rights

GENEVA - The Bush administration will not propose a U.N. resolution critical of China's human rights policy this year because of recent "positive steps" by Beijing, U.S. officials said Thursday.

The decision removes one of the major flash points of the annual six-week session of the 53-nation U.N. Human Rights Commission, which began Monday.

# Crude oil futures prices hit new high

LONDON — Crude oil futures prices soared above \$57 a barrel for the first time Thursday after OPEC's pledge to increase output failed to assure traders who were worried about tight supply.

Light, sweet crude for April delivery rose 39 cents to \$56.85 a barrel in early trade on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after reaching as high as \$57.50 overnight.

Heating oil rose more than 2 cents to \$1.6145 a gallon. Brent crude also reached new highs, hitting \$56.15 a barrel before edging back. In afternoon trading it was up 83 cents to \$55.71 on the International Petroleum Exchange.

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# **EU delays talks with Croatia**

# Nation nurses disappointment with a sense of humor

BY EUGENE BRCIC The Associated Press

ZAGREB, Croatia - There had been fears of a nationalist backlash and even a wave of collective depression. But a day after the European Union delayed Croatia's bid to start membership talks, Croats are nursing their disappointment with a sense of humor.

"EU-thanasia," the weekly Feral Tribune splashed on its front page Thursday, with a photomontage of Foreign Minister Kolinda Grabar Kitarovic lying on a hospital bed, applying an ice-pack to her forehead.

Radio commentators quipped that nothing could stop Croatia from moving closer to the EU - citing seismological research that showed tectonic movements were shifting Croatia 1.5-centimeters to the northwest every year.

Alen Orlovic, a computer technician, was stoic about the rejection.

"If they don't want us, we don't need them either," he said."We should become a neutral country oriented toward tourism, ecology and producing organic food

EU foreign ministers decided to postpone membership negotiations with Croatia on Wednesday, because the Zagreb government has not sent fugitive former general Ante Gotovina to the U.N crimes tribunal in The Hague. Talks were to have opened Thursday: the EU set no new date.

Luxembourg Foreign Minister



Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader listens to translation at the European Parliament on Wednesday. The EU delayed the start of membership talks with Croatia because the government has failed to surrender a former Croatian general to the U.N. war crimes tribunal for trial.

Jean Asselborn, who chaired the EU meeting, stressed "the EU's door is open for Croatia" and said entry talks can open on short notice if Croatia works harder to bring Gotovina to justice.

Prime Minister Ivo Sanader urged Croats to remain optimistic and held out hope that last-ditch efforts to convince the international community that his country was doing its best to capture Gotovina would bear fruit.

U.N. prosecutors allege Gotovina was the mastermind behind the murder of dozens of minority Serbs and the expulsion of up to

200,000 others in a 1995 military campaign to recapture lands seized by Serbian rebels following the breakup of Yugoslavia.

Gotovina has been in hiding since his indictment in mid-2001 The government insists he is not in the country.

While some Croats reacted to the EU decision with indignation and resentment, the prevailing sentiment appeared to be one of resigna-

"Maybe it is traumatic for politicians, but it's hard to say how ordinary people are dealing with the news." said psychologist Aleksandra Bandic

# 17 missing in Turkish landslide

ANKARA, Turkey - A landslide in central Turkey buried 21 houses Thursday, and at least 17 people were reported missing, the area's governor said.

The landslide struck the village of Sugozu, near the town of Koyulhisar in central Anatolian Sivas province, early in the morning. It was not clear what caused the landslide, an officer with the paramilitary police said

he area in the hopes of saving villagers.

# Tanning bed regulation sought

GENEVA - Governments should pass laws on the responsible se of sun beds and ban their use by people under age 18, the

U.N. health agency said Thursday.

The increased popularity of artificial tanning beds is a key reason for the rapid increase in skin cancer, particularly among young women in Europe and North America, the World Health Organization said.

Each year, over 2 million people — half of whom live in the United States — develop skin cancer, and 132,000 are found to have malignant melanoma, WHO estimates.

# German troops leave Aceh province

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Germany pulled its military forces out of Indonesia's tsunami-hit Aceh province Thursday, leav-ing behind tons of equipment at a battered hospital and promis-

ing to play a role in long-term reconstruction.

Germany has pledged \$683 million of public funds to help victims of the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami disaster that hit 11 Indian Ocean countries and killed or left missing more than 300,000 people, the government said in a statement.

## Greenpeace dumps dead dolphins

LONDON - Activists from the environmental group Greenpeace dumped the bodies of two dead dolphins on the steps of the French embassy in London on Thursday to protest French fishing

The group says French fisherman kill up to 2,000 dolphins every year

## British cops foil high-tech robbery

LONDON - British police foiled a high-tech attempt to steal millions of pounds from a Japanese bank's London offices by accessing its computer system and making money transfers, authorities said Thursday.

Israeli police, working with British officers, arrested a man

Wednesday in connection with the attempt to rob money from the Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc., police in Israel said in a statement

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# IN THE STATES

# **Congress weighs** in on Florida's right-to-die case

By JESSE J. HOLLAND The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Congress was immersed Thursday in the controversy over removing the feeding tube from a brain-damaged Florida woman whose husband has been given permission by a state court to let her die.

Within hours of the Republican-controlled House's passage of a bill to block the removal of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist R-Tenn., announced the Senate would take up a seperate bill to address the situation before leaving for its Easter recess on Fri-

"The question is, should we allow her to be starved to death? Frist said Thursday in a Senate speech. "It has to do with the culture of life. And I believe this hody is going to have to speak on this particular matter before we

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada said he sees potential problems with the legislation, but said he was willing to work with the Republicans to try and resolve them.

At the White House, press secretary Scott McClellan said the case raises "a lot of complex issues" and declined to comment on specific legislation. But he said Schiavo's husband has battled

her parents over his efforts to allow her to die, which he con-tends she would prefer rather than live in a vegetative state.

On Thursday, Schiavo's par-ents, Bob and Mary Schindler, filed an emergency motion at the Supreme Court to stop the removal of her feeding tube so lower courts can consider whether their daughter's religious freedom and due process rights have been vio-

In Florida, the state House passed a bill Thursday that could keep Terri Schiavo alive. The House bill blocks the withholding of food and water from patients in a persistent vegetative state who didn't leave specific instructions refusing the artificial measure. It passed 78-37.

The Senate was expected to take up its own bill later in the day, and the differences between the two bills could be impossible to reconcile before Friday, some legislators have said

The bill in the U.S. House passed on a voice vote. It would move such a case to federal court. Federal judges have twice turned down efforts by the parents to move the case out of Florida courts, citing a lack of jurisdic-

# Striking up the band



New York City Police Officer Bill Donahue plays the bass drum as the NYPD pipe and drums group warms up on Thursday for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York.

# Bush advocates peace in Ireland

BY NEDRA PICKLER

WASHINGTON - President Bush marked a St. Patrick's Day overshadowed by recent setbacks in the Northern Ireland peace process by pledging to help the Irish people move toward a lasting agreement.

"As you work for peace, our government and the American people will stand with you," Bush said Thursday after receiving a traditional bowl of shamrocks from Irish Prime Minister Bertie

Allegations have risen about the Irish Republican Army's involvement in a bank heist and a tavern murder. As a result, Bush scratched from the invitation list political leaders who attended for 10 years, including Sinn Fein head Gerry Adams.

Sinn Fein is the legal political arm of the outlawed Irish Republi44As you [Ireland] work for peace, our government and the

American people will stand with you.

President Bush

can Army. The IRA is accused of mounting the world's largest cash theft - stealing the equivalent of \$50 million from a Belfast bank on Dec. 20. It also has been blamed for killing Catholic civilian Robert McCartney on Jan. 30. Bush also was meeting with Mc-

Cartney's fiancee and five sisters at a reception later at the White House. They were not at the public event and Bush didn't mention

Ahern said the 1998 Good Friday peace agreement has improved the political landscape, but more work needs to be done to achieve lasting peace.

"Recent events have damaged confidence, but they have also crystalized what must now be done to finalize the process and achieve stable partnership governments in Northern Ireland," Ahern said.

McCartney was beaten and stabbed to death outside a Belfast

His sisters have led a campaign to bring his killers to justice, saying more than 70 potential wit-nesses are too afraid to identify anyone responsible to police because local IRA figures allegedly were involved.

"I'm looking forward to meeting these very brave souls," Bush said. "They've committed themselves to a peaceful solution, and hopefully their loved one will not have died in vain.

# Robert Blake acquitted of killing his wife in '01

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The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Actor Robert Blake was acquitted of killing his wife four years ago because the state simply didn't make its case, jurors said, citing flimsy evi-dence and a pair of unbelievable The panel-



ing to get someone to kill Bonny Lee Bakley. They deadlocked 11-1 on a second solicitation charge, which then was dismissed by the judge.

"They couldn't put the gun in his hand," jury foreman Thomas Nicholson said outside the courthouse. "There was nothing. Supposition, more than evidence In court, Blake trembled and

sobbed when he heard the ver dicts that took jurors nine days to reach. He had faced life in prison. Later, after jurors spoke with reporters, Blake stepped up, praising his defense team and talking about how the case left him

He then went on to attack some friends and associates who had given interviews about him.

"They're liars and I'm easy to find and I'm not a bit bashful and if any of them have any agenda, we can certainly sort it out," he

one point, Blake asked whether anyone in the crowd had something to remove his electronic monitoring bracelet. He then bent down and cut off the ankle

daughter Gawron, 24, also sobbed after the verdicts were read and later said she looked forward to proceeding with a wrongful death lawsuit filed against Blake by her family.

# Alaska wary after Senate vote on oil drilling Fenton Rexford, tribal administrator of the Native

BY MATT VOLZ

The Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska - The tiny north coast town of Kaktovik officially supports responsible develop ment of oil and gas. But many reacted warily to the Senate vote to allow drilling in their back vard.

Even with just 284 residents, Kaktovik is the largest town on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's coastal plain. Mayor Lon Sonsalla said just about evervone has concerns about changes that could accompany any work in the 1.5 million-acre stretch, where billions of barrels of crude oil are believed to rest beneath the tundra

A scant majority of the Senate agreed Wednesday to allow oil and gas development on the state's northern coast.

Sonsalla said his town, 850 miles from Juneau and more than 3,000 from Washington, must have a say in developing the rules for oil and gas work in the refuge, and residents' access to traditional hunting and fishing areas must be preserved. village of Kaktovik, agreed. The Inupiat village's traditional lands are governed separately from the city of Kaktovik.

Rexford said the tribal government's responsibility is to protect traditional hunting and camping areas and cemeteries.

There's monetary value and then there is value as far as subsistence sites, camping sites, fishing sites," he said.

Reaction to the Senate vote by the state's political leaders was enthusiastic. For decades, Alaskan politicians have urged Congress to open the refuge to drilling. Those calls grew louder with the decline of oil moving through the trans-Alaska pipeline in recent years

Opening the refuge to drilling would give oil com panies access to an estimated 10.4 billion barrels of crude oil, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The Senate still must pass the budget package in which the proposal was included. The House must take up the issue in an energy package

# Ga. jury acquits beauty queen of murder

SAVANNAH, Ga. - A beauty queen who said she acted in self-defense when she shot and killed her two-timing boyfriend gasped and sobbed after hearing a jury acquitted her of

Sharron Nicole Redmond, 23, had faced an automatic life sentence if convicted of slaving Kevin Shorter in 2003. Four months earlier. Redmond had been crowned Miss Savannah

The jury of nine women and three men delib-erated for a little more than nine hours over two days before reaching a verdict Wednesday. Through tears, Redmond mouthed the words "thank you" to the panel. Redmond admitted shooting her boyfriend outside the home of another woman he was dating but said she thought he was reaching for a gun. He did not have a weapon.

One of her attorneys, Michael Schiavone, said Redmond felt "like the weight of the world was off her shoulders. You have no idea what it feels like to be accused of a crime like murder, being one step from walking into the lockup for the rest

me."
Shorter's parents left the courthouse without speaking to reporters. "There was nothing we would do differently if we had to present it again," prosecutor Jerry Rothschild said. "I think it's time to accept the verdict."

25, had dated both Redmond and Rachel Hall for three years. Both women said Redmond went to Hall's home the night of the shooting to clear allegations Redmond had made harassing telephone calls to Hall. Both testified they talked peacefully. Shorter arrived soon after Redmond and shouted at her.

Prosecutors argued Redmond shot Shorter in jealous anger after, in Hall's presence, he told the beauty queen he no longer wanted her and she was good for nothing but sex.

Redmond testified she intended the shot as a warning because she feared Shorter was reaching for a gun in his car; she said she didn't aim at Shorter. Crime scene photos showed a dent on Shorter's car where the bullet appeared to have ricocheted before hitting him in the right buttock, severing his femoral artery.



Sharron Nicole Redmond, left, hugs her attorney, Michael Schiavone, on Wednesday in Savannah, Ga., after a jury acquitted her in the shooting death of her two-timing boyfriend, Kevin Shorter.

# Jackson case continues

SANTA MARIA, California — Prosecutors showed jurors in the Michael Jackson case a series of sexually explicit magazines, DVDs and videos seized from Neverland Ranch, but witnesses acknowledged there was no evidence the singer had shown them to the boy

he is accused of molesting.

With his parents seated behind him, Jackson watched Wednesday as prosecutors used a large screen to display movie and mag-azine covers featuring women in various stages of undress.

Witnesses said one of the magazines and one DVD had dates on their covers indicating they were not available until after Jackson's accuser left Neverland for the last time

From The Associated Press

# Ga. suspect may have seen baby as motive

ATLANTA - Brian Nichols felt blessed when he found out his girlfriend was preg-nant with their son, and the woman said he repeatedly told her he wanted to be with the

Three days after the boy was born, Nichols allegedly went on a crime spree at the court-house where he was on trial for rape, leaving an Atlanta judge and three others dead

"I do know that he wanted to be with the baby. He did speak about it all the time," said Sonva Meredith, the mother of the baby boy, She said Nichols made those statements in the days and weeks leading up to the shoot-

Meredith's statements and transcripts from Nichols' rape trial are the most specific suggestion of a possible motive for last week's shooting spree. Prosecutors have suggested Nichols was worried about being convicted, but have not revealed a detailed mo-

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Erik Friedly, a spokesman for the Fulton court reporter and another deputy. County District Attorney's office, declined to comment about the case Wednesday.

The development about a possible motive came as the doctor for a deputy allegedly at tacked by Nichols said the officer has no memory of the assault. Cynthia Hall's amnesia could subside as her brain injury heals,

doctors said.

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Authorities also said Wednesday that the deputy was not armed in the holding cell where the attack occurred. Sheriff Myron Freeman said Nichols attacked deputy Cynthia Hall, stole her keys and retrieved her gun from a lock box.

Nichols was in the middle of a second trial for allegedly raping and holding hostage a now ex-girlfriend when Meredith gave birth to their son on March 8.The day after Meredith gave birth, jail officials found homemade knives in each of Nichols' shoes.

Two days later, police say Nichols overpowered a sheriff's deputy, fatally shot a judge, a

He was arrested 26 hours later after also a killing federal agent, police said. Nichols, a former computer technician and son of a Treasury Department official, testified at length at his first trial that he was dat-

ing both Meredith and the alleged rape victim and was torn between the two The one thing he said he was sure of was being a father and helping Meredith raise

their child, court transcripts show. "Right away I felt as though it was a blessing for us to have been in a relationship for such a short time and to have conceived a child." Nichols testified in his first trial. He said Meredith first told him that she was

His alleged rane victim testified at the first trial that Nichols was suicidal at times about her threatening to end their seven-year relationship because of Meredith.

Rising obesity fueling drop

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# in life span, study shows

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - New and disputed research adds a twist to the Social Security dilemma, suggesting that a nation gorging itself on bacon double-cheeseburgers will one day dramatically shorten the average U.S. life span.

Obesity - especially its alarming rise among children - is the culprit, fueling a startling reversal in life expectancy, which likely will drop by two to five years or more within 50 years, according to a report in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

This would reverse the mostly steady increase in American life expectancy that has occurred in the past two centuries. It could even inadvertently "save" Social Security, but the tremendous price would be higher death rates and escalating health care costs. said lead author S. Jay Olshansky, a longevity researcher at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Other longevity scientists called the research overly dire

and unlikely to single-handedly af-

fect Social Security. But Olshansky said with obesity affecting at least 15 percent of American schoolchildren, not pie in the sky. The children who are extremely obese are al-

ready here. Already, rising obesity rates have shaved four to nine months off the average life span of 77.6 years, he and his colleagues contend in the journal report.

In a journal editorial. University of Pennsylvania demography expert Samuel H. Preston calls the projections gloomy." "excessively

Opposing forecasts, projecting a continued increase in U.S. lon-gevity, assume that obesity will continue to worsen but also account for medical advances, Preston said.

Still, failure to curb obesity "could impede the improvements in longevity that are otherwise in store," he said. Americans' current life expectancy already trails more than 20 other developed countries

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# 'Gifted' employees in Kosovo

Camp Buehring, Kuwait

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lance arrived, I also showed and described my situation. They looked at me like "And?" I believe these two ambulance drivers were just that, drivers. They stopped at red lights and stop signs. They drove over railroad tracks at break-neck speed. though.

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Don Thompson Rodenbach, Germany

# Why Syria can't leave Lebanon alone

By JAMES MISKEL

The Providence (R.I.) Journal

f you want to know why Syria is reluctant to withdraw its forces from Lebanon, and why it will continue to med-dle in Lebanese affairs even after the troops leave, look at a map.

Syria has an extremely disadvantageous geostrategic position. It is virtually isolated because it is surrounded by hostile countries - save one. Lebanon.

Syria's most contentious neighbor is, of course, Israel, which has occupied Syrian

territory on the Golan Heights for almost four decades. Syria has traditionally relied on support from other Arab states to face down the militarily stronger Israel; but it can no longer do so. Egypt and Saudi Arabia are supporting a peace process in Palestine that might leave Golan in Israeli hands, and they have been calling for Syria to withdraw from Lebanon.

Syria's northern neighbor. Turkey, is allied with the West, and cooperating economically and in recent military planning with Israel. Furthermore, Turkey can use its up-stream dams to control the flow of the Euphrates River, one of Syria's sources of water.

Iraq is Syria's eastern neighbor. Never an ally, Iraq is now likely to be politically aligned with the United States. The pres-ence of large numbers of American military forces in Iraq and, eventually, of an American-trained Iraqi military must also be unsettling to Syria Another neighboring state, Jordan, has

traditionally had tense relations with Syria.

This leaves Lebanon. It is a state that

Syria has traditionally viewed as part of "greater Syria" — the Syrian sphere of influ-But the Syrians do not see Lebanon as a

reliable ally; if it were, Syria would not have kept thousands of soldiers there for more than a decade. .

So for Syria, the next best thing to a reli-ably pliant Lebanon is a weak, destabilized one that Israel and the United States cannot control. And to keep Lebanon weak, Syria has supported one faction or another in Lebanese politics and bouts of civil disorder.

For sound geostrategic reasons, Syria's leadership has acquired something of a desperate bunker mentality. Not only is the country surrounded by potential adversar-ies, but it is also ruled by members of the Alawite sect, a minority within Syria that is viewed as heretical in the larger Muslim community. Moreover, Syria's leaders effect a tired brand of fascism that appears to be losing its appeal even among the last holdouts in the Arab world.

That is why we should not expect Syria to completely wash its hands of Lebanon. It cannot afford to

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# **OPINION**

# Not opposed to good that Iraq war can bring

## BY MONA ELTAHAWY

he invasion of Iraq was the equivalent of a bucket of freezing water thrown in the face of an Arab world in deep slumber.

There, I've said it. Čan we move on now? There is a way to talk about the effect of the Iraq war on the rest of the Arab world without actually supporting that war. This time last year and the year before. In marched in demonstrations in New York against the war on Iraq, which I did not beyou for the other war on Iraq, which I did not beyou for the other war of the other war of the United State's occupation of Iraq is a major catalyst for what has been happening latetly, be it in Egypt, Lebanon or Saudi Arabia.

As an Egyptian man told me recently, if there was a "domino effect" sparked by the invasion, it was one of questions.

"The U.S. invasion revealed the ability to overthrow one of the worst tyrants around and led to this question. If this regime collapsed, why not the others? Why shouldn't Syria leave Lebanon? Why shouldn't we change the Egyptian regime? Isn't it enough (kijdryo) already?

enough (kifgoy) already?"

Kifgoy indeed. The word is the slogan of Egypt's National Campaign for Change, which has staged several demonstrations calling for an end to President Hosni wholarsk's 24-par rule. It has appeared on banners in anti-Syrian demonstrations in Eleviru. But ultimately Arabs have been saying kifgoy to violence. Beheadings, shock and awe, checkpoint shootings and the loss of thousands of lives in Iraq have sickened Arabs. It is no mean feat that demonstrations in Cairo and in Beitut — both for and against Syria — have been peaceful.

But I have a kifaya of my own: Enough already to the tiresome intellectual tropes that liberals and neoconservatives are wasting time on as they argue over the

In the United States it is almost impossible to separate support or opposition to the Bush administration from support for the democratic aspirations of Arabs. The endless tango of "for" or "against" the war that the Bush administration and its opponents insist on dancing wastes time and conveniently ignores murky details both sides would prefer to forget.

I'm tired of having to remind those who supported the war of the moral failures of Abu Ghraib and of rendition, by which the United States sends terrorism suspects to countries — such as my own, Egypt — where they are likely to be tortuned. The violence unleashed on Iraq is appalling and olence unleashed on traq is appalling and onlend to the country and whose stories always lose out to the kidnappings and deaths of non-Iraq prings and whose stories always lose out to the kidnappings and deaths of non-Iraq the supplies and whose stories always lose out to the kidnappings and deaths of non-Iraq the supplies and the supplies and deaths of non-Iraq the supplies and the supplies and the supplies and the supplies and deaths of non-Iraq the supplies are supplied to the supplies and the supplies are supplied to the supplies are sup

I'm equally fed up with having to remind those who opposed the war that in their rush to condemn the Bush administration, they should not ignore or condone the continued tyranny of Arab leaders; that as vehemently as they oppose the Bush administration, they must not forget that Arab dictators are simply that — dictators.

And, no, I haven't forgotten that the current administration, like its predecessors, continues to support many of those same dictators. It's heartening to hear President Bush say that authoritarian rule in the Middle East is the "last gasp of a discredited



past" — but disappointing when he focuses only on Syria.

I'm still waiting for the Bush administration to urge Egypt to end emergency laws that have been in effect since Mubarak assumed power in 1981. I'm still waiting for the United States to urge the Saudi royal family to release reform activists whose only crime was to sign a petition calling for

So, now what? We must not lose attention or interest. Just as I have acknowledged the jolt the Arab world felt from the Iraq war, so it is imperative to remember that if

there hadn't been civil societies already in place in the Arab world, such a jolt would have found no echo.

Brave Arab men and women have for decades toiled for the sake of rights and better lives for their compatriots.

Their work must be acknowledged and supported. The conversation about change in the Arab world must be about them and about ordinary Arabs, not about scoring points for or against the Bush administration.

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# In China-Taiwan relations, status quo is a net gain

BY MONTE R. BULLARD Global Beat Syndicate

GULF BREEZE, Fla.

The United States and Taiwan should welcome China's efforts to formally define and codify its position on relations with Tai-

While it may not offer the answer some in Taiwan would hope for, it does mean movement by Beijing's leaders toward the rule of law — one of the legitimate concerns Taiwan's leaders have about China's ability to abide by future agreements.

Taiwan's leaders are correctly wary of negotiated settlement with China because historically China has changed agreements too easily by executive fiat. The recent altering of the Hong Kong Basic Law is an example.

Involving the National People's Congress in the process is positive step. While the NPC used to be a pure rubber stamp for the Communist Party, over the past 25 years it has increased, in fits and starts, its voice in internal decision-making. That began when the NPC played a role in calling to account government incompetence and began to grow in voice and power until it was severely constrained again after the Tiananmen demonstrations in 1989.

Over the years younger, more active and more competent people have been elected to its ranks, and while it has not reached the point of being able to "check-and-balance" the Communist Party or even the government, the NPC is moving in that direction. This new antisecssion law could give the NPC more leverage in national decision-making.

Importantly, the new anti-secession law

snould not be viewed as a legal framework for starting a war with Taiwan. Rather, it is part of the effort to pluralize decision-making in China and make it more difficult for just a few leaders to start a war with behind-closed-doors decisions.

Some NPC members come from provinces, counties or cities, such as Kunahan just outside Shanghai, which now are almost completely dependent on Taiwan. The more than 1 million Taiwanese who are permanent residents in China (Bring there more than 300 days a year); the more than 5000 Taiwanese companies that hire millions of Chinese workers; and the more than \$100 billion of Taiwanese investment in China are all factors likely their properties of the control of the con law as a "war law." But Chinese officials insist that it offers no timetable for unifica-

Rather, it is designed to counter any moves in Taiwan that are perceived as going too far in the direction of independence. That could help define the limits of what constitutes "moving too far" toward independence, thus introducing more certainty into the equation. Every time Begjing clarifies exactly which Taiwaness eactions would result in war, the onus of starting a war falls on the shoulders of Tai-wan's leaders, who continue to push the independence envelore.

While Taiwan's leaders are reacting angrily, and the anti-secession law may have short-term implications, both sides should avoid negotiating a long-term status for Taiwan. Both sides should recognize that

the status quo is the best solution in the short term — even if there are different definitions of the status quo. Both sides also should recognize that the long-term solution is neither total independence nor total unification. Some form of confederation will have to suffice.

Neither side should begin to create laws that hinder the search for a long-term solution, but both sides should create laws that help to establish a peaceful environment in which meaningful negotiations can take place 10 or 20 years down the road.

Meantime, the United States should quietly support the effort to move China steadily toward democratization through increased pluralization at the top.

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# YOUR MONEY

# As high gas prices loom, saving is key

BY JAMES A. FUSSELL The Kansas City (Mo.) Star

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Chris Ramey of San Diego pumps gas at Costco on Tuesday in San Diego. With gas prices climbing, it's a good time to look beyond transportation for other ways to cut costs.

on quantity, you can use items before the expiration date and you have enough storage. For example, a Lenexa Hy-Vee recently offered 18-ounce jars of Peter Pan pea-nut butter, regularly priced at \$1.99, for \$1. Buy one jar and save about \$1. Buy 50 jars and save \$50.

■ Use the Internet to find the lowest price. Compare prices on sites such as Yahoo Shopping and My Simon; discount air, travel and rental car sites such as Hotwire and Priceline; and auction sites such as eBay and U-Bid.

■ Don't assume discount stores are cheaper. Wal-Mart

charges \$2.94 for 12 ounces of Herbal Essence shampoo, 55 cents less than the regular Hen House price. However, a recent Hen House sale dropped the price to \$2.79.

■ Buy generic. It's cheaper. But beware. Not all are a good value

Pay off credit cards each month. If you have to run a balance, get a card with a low-fixed interest rate, as low as 4.9 percent. Many store credit cards charge double-digit rates. Do a little research.

■ Tape TV movies. For each movie you tape, you sa \$2 to \$4. Plus, you can keep them as long as you want with-out any late fees. And don't forget libraries, which have a free selection

And finally, there's this from car experts. If you just have to save money on gasoline, slow down, Remember, the faster you go, the faster you'll need to fill up.

# Career changer needs a new car

I recently left a career as a pizza-delivery driver to work for an architectural photographer. It involved changing cities and giving up what little social life I had. In short, I'm rethinking the decision, and I'm thinking about going back to the pizza business. My question for you folks is this: The vehicle I bought for my new job is much too nice to use for delivering pizzas. It is a 2003 VW GTI VR6. Plus, I won't be able to afford the payments on the pizza salary. So, if I'm going to return to the night shift at my old job, I'm going to need a cheap car that gets reasonable gas mileage (low 20s to high teens is OK) and is relatively easy to work on. I can spend about \$5,000, and I'm pretty handy with a wrench. I was

thinking about a Toy-Click and Clack ota, because I hear they are very reli-

able. Any help you can offer would be appreciated, and if you're ever in Gainesville, Fla., and get hungry, give Five Star a call and

tell them Bo sent you. - Bo TOM: What happened, Bo? Not as many women answering the door in their nightgowns in the architectural-pho-

tography business RAY: You definitely need something much more pathetic-looking if you want any chance of getting decent tips. If the pizza-delivery guy is driving a nicer car than the guy who's buying the pizza, you're going to have tough time get-

ting sympathy TOM: You certainly could buy a Toyota Corolla. They're easy to find, reliable and economical. And you can probably get a 5- or 6-year-old one for \$5,000. You really can't go wrong with one of those, and it meets all of your require-

ments RAY: But why not really go for the sympathy, Bo? I see you in a 1987 Hyundai Excel, blue smoke belching out the

back from bad rings ... one headlight working. TOM: Plus, it's got vinyl seats, so you can just wipe up the melted mozzarella and spilled tomato sauce. Try doing that

with your beautiful Toyota velour! Good luck, Bo. Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk section of cars.com on the World Wide Web. Distributed by King Features

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# ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

# Creating job luck

NEW YORK - Some people st have all the luck when it mes to their careers. Or do ev? Susan RoAne, author of e new book "How to Create ur Own Luck," says these mingly fortunate people are ally outstanding networkers o aren't afraid to make career anges. She mentions some its that help them get ahead:

- They talk to strangers. Simconversations can turn into eat opportunities and generate great ideas. You never know who you'll meet.
- They make small talk. Take a personal interest and make time to get to know the people you see every day. When you ask, "How are you?" really listen to the answer
- drop ■ They names Name-dropping isn't necessarily bragging about how well connected you are. Finding a friend or acquaintance in common creates a more personal connection, and opens new doors
  - They eavesdrop and listen.

Paying attention to what goes on around you can put you in a good position to ask for, or offer, help. It's also a fantastic way to learn about your field - where it's headed, what is needed and who the people of importance

- They ask for or offer help. You don't have to pull yourself up by your own bootstraps. Lucky people know there's no shame in asking for help when vou need it or in offering it when
- They stray from the path. Talent isn't just something that results from training or a specific education. Use all your skills for success, not just those in which you have formal training. It can help you if you switch careers or want to combine talents to take your job in a new direc-
- They make timely, gracious exits without burning bridges. Know when to leave your job or end a career. Aim to leave on a high note, so you are still well respected and maintain your contacts and relationships



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**EUROPEAN FORECAST** 

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy

France: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-60s. Saturday lows in the mid-

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the mid-50s to mid 60s. Saturday

Norway: Mostly cloudy with afternoon rain and snowshowers. Highs in the lower 30s to lower 40s. Saturday lows in the lower 30s, single digits







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### Girl injured by tree

HONOLULU — A 12-year-old girl was in critical condition this week after undergoing surgery for injuries she suffered when a large tree snapped at its base and crashed through the roof of her home in Manoa, striking her as she slept.

Julia Engle was at The Queen's Medical Center with major injuries to her head and chest, according to a family statement.

Mark Pennington said his niece, a Punahou School seventh-grader, was sleeping when a Norfolk pine estimated to be 70 to 80 feet high fell across Beckwith Street and through the roof into the girl's bedroom around 5 a.m.

"You hope for the best, but you have a whole bunch of fears," he said.

The tree also knocked down a utility pole, causing a power outage in the area.

## City hires big-time help

OWENSBORO — A California company that has created two major Las Vegas attractions is designing a water feature for the city's riverfront.

However, Owensboro's design won't be as grand as the dancing fountain in front of the Bellagio Hotel and The Mirage's volcano. City officials hope to raise between \$1 million and \$1.5 million in private funds for the attraction.

### Sheriffs to address cuts

OH COLUMBUS — County sheriffs plan to visit the Statehouse to tell lawmakers about funding cuts that have forced some to lay off deputies and cut patrols. Gov. Bob Taft's budget proposal includes a 20 percent cut in funding to local governments.

# Woman dies during race

MOAB — As Sheri Haymore moved closer to the finish line after running nearly 13 miles, she complained lightly about her legs feeling weak, but nothing more.

With just 100 yards to go in Canyonland's Half Marathon, the Riverton woman staggered a bit and sat down. Emergency crews rushed in.

"She asked the paramedic, 'Please let me finish,' " Haymore's sister. Lori Robbins, recalled.

They said no and laid her down on the ground. Haymore, a 41-year-old mother of three daughters, closed her eyes and died from an apparent heart attack.

"She was so determined to finish the race," Robbins said. "She was reaching for her goal."

## Warden placed on leave

AL BIRMINGHAM — Donaldson Correctional Facility's warden was placed on leave after warning of "catastrophic circumstances" at the overcrowded state prison near Birmingham. Stephen Bullard listed his concerns in a memo to State Corrections Commissioner Donal Campbell, Three days later, Campbell placed Bullard on 10-day leave. Corrections



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spokesman Brian Corbett said he could not comment on reasons for

the leave.

With space for about 1,000 prisoners, Donaldson holds 1,625 inmates in conditions that have overloaded the prison's sewage system.

# Breaking ice jams

PORTLAND — Three Coast Guard cutters will head up the Kennebec River to break up ice jams and ease the threat of spring flooding. The vessels will spend a week busting through the ice between Bath and Gardiner.

# Sex with inmate charges

SAN ANTONIO — A guard faces felony charges for allegedly having consensual sex with a female inmate at the medical unit of the Guadalupe County

Albert DeLeon was fired in January and faces the state jail felony charge of violation of the civil rights of a person in custody; improper sexual activity with a person in custody.

He is accused of having sex with a 34-year-old female inmate in December. The inmate is serving a 30-year sentence for trying to hire a hit man to kill her husband, a Seguin police officer, officials said.



Saving the stranded

Conservancy in Key Largo, Fla., lift a rough-tooth dolphin in order to conduct a medical examination. The dolphin is one of about 68 that stranded March 2 off the Florida Keys. jury last week. He faces up to two years in prison.

"This is a black eye for law enforcement," Guadalupe County Sheriff Arnold Zwicke said.

"However, we will not tolerate that kind of behavior. He used poor judgment and he will have to pay the price."

Authorities learned of the incident by a jail worker who found mail from the woman detailing the sexual encounter.

Zwicke said DeLeon worked at the jail for less than a year.

# Fighting for revenue

EAST CHICAGO — City of ficials are fighting for control of millions of dollars in riverboat casino revenue that flows to three community foundations they call a vestige of East Chicago's old politics. The city's former old politics. The city's former to an 8-year prison term for misappropriating city funds, is still as 30,000 a year by two of the foundations.

Under a 1994 agreement, the foundations each receive up to 1 percent of the casino revenue to disburse to community organiza-

# State House flunks

PROVIDENCE — State officials have 90 days to come up with a plan to bring the State House into compliance with the new fire codes.

Inspectors found 32 fire-safety violations beneath the marble

And while some problems have been fixed, officials said the remaining items pose major challenges for balancing fire safety and historical character, public access and security.

The Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review gave administration officials more time — until June 14 — to come up with a plan addressing the other violations.

Inspectors said the State House lacks sufficient smoke- and heat-detection devices. And they said something needs to be done about the State House rotunda because such "atriums" should be separated from adjacent spaces by fire barriers.

### Man rides out avalanche

AK HATCHER PASS — A man rode out an avalanche on his skis after triggering the slide on a steep slope in fresh powder blanketing the Talkeetna Mountains

With spring break under way, the avalanche-prone slopes have rangers warning skiers and snowmachiners to take extra care.

Sandy Tolmie, 44, ended his brief, speedy ride buried to his chest in snow at the base of an avalanche roughly 200 feet wide and 300 to 400 feet long, said state parks ranger Pat Murphy.

The bulk of the avalanche stopped several feet above him, Murphy said.

Had the slide progressed much farther, the weight could have buried and crushed Tolmie, he said. "He managed to stay on his skis the whole time, which is real hard to do. ... He's lucky."



Tense spot Members of the California Department of Forestry and the Fremont Fire Department by to calm a young boy as they consider how to rescue him from Alameda Creek outside Fremont, Calif. Firefighters were eventually able to free the boy, whose leg was caught in the dam. He was pulled to safety after he freed his leg and wont over the dam.



Whoa! Hold on, Dad The feet of Nola Muscatello, 2, of Albany, N.Y., slide out from under her as she is pushed around the ice rink by her father, Barry Muscatello, at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.



Happy little 'soldier' Five-month-old Malachi Alaniz plays with his mother, Nellie Alaniz, as they wait at Cooper Field in Fort Hood, Texas, for father and husband Sgt. Esteban Alaniz to return home after serving more than a year in Iraq.



Pink power

From left, Patrick Kerley, 10: Tia Tucker, 10: Hunter Kerley, 5: and Nathan Tucker, 7, tow a large pink slipcover around their home in Brookport, III.



Get off my snow! Wayne Lietzke, frolic in the Amarillo sno



Shadow play

Delicate feeding A baby eaglet born in the San Francisco Zoo gets her lunch in San Francisco.

## Boy recovering after fall

OH CINCINNATI — A 1-year-old boy is recovering nicely after a three-story

plunge from an apartment. Police believe an 11-vear-old boy who was staying at the apartment tossed Lavontia Clark out the window

When Lavontia awakened the 11-year-old, the boy apparently got frustrated and threw the baby of the window, police Lt. Paul Broxterman said.

The 11-year-old, whose name was not released, was charged with felonious assault. The baby's mother, Lawanda Clark, said her son didn't break any bones but suffered a gash on the back of the head and some scratches on his arms. Some tree branches slowed his fall, she said, and he landed in soft mud.

"I'm happy he's still alive, amen to that. I'm just trying to stay focused on him, watching him," Clark said

### **Commissioner confirmed**

MD BALTIMORE — The City Council voted to confirm Leonard Hamm as the city's police commissioner. Hamm will become Mayor Martin O'Malley's fourth commissioner since 1999. Hamm, a 22-year city police veteran, was named acting commissioner after O'Malley fired Kevin Clark last fall.

### Welcome for heroes

AR LITTLE ROCK — Thou-sands of Arkansas veterans of the war in Iraq and their families can enjoy a "Welcome Arkan-sas Heroes" concert and free lunch May 21 at War Memorial Stadium, the Arkansas National Guard said. About 3.000 Guard members started training in October 2003 and were deployed to Iraq in March 2004. They are all expected to be back in Arkansas by mid-April.

### Learning standards set

MIAMI — The state Board of Education adopted key learning standards for the voluntary prekindergarten program being offered to all Florida 4-year-olds beginning in August. The standards emphasize reading and language skills. As many as 150,000 new students could enroll in the program, which would be the largest of its kind in the country.

## New plan for math

NY ALBANY — The state Board of Regents overhauled how schools will teach high school math. Under the plan, schools will teach one-year courses of algebra, geometry and a third course called algebra 2 and trigonometry. The courses will replace two courses that taught the concepts in a more integrated way. The regents will decide when to start the new math approach after a public comment period.

### Casino proposal bill

MN ST. PAUL — Gov. Tim Pawlenty pushed his casino proposal as a way to lift up poor-er, northern Minnesota Indian tribes. The bill authorizing the casino requires participating tribes to demonstrate they lack money to meet housing, medical care and

other basic needs of members. The Leech Lake, White Earth and Red Lake Chippewa are expected to meet those criteria

# School working on policy

CO BOULDER — The University of Colorado is working on a racial harassment policy after a series of recent incidents Ron Stump vice chancellor for student affairs, said he met with several students and campus groups as well as black faculty and staff members to discuss how the school can address racial intolerance. Fewer than 450 black students are enmilled at CII

## Wandering wallabies

POOLE — A strange sight from Down Under startled residents of this western Kentucky community.

Members of the Poole Homemakers Club were at a meeting downtown when they looked out and saw what they thought was a kangaroo.

Nedra Wilson, first to spot the animal, said it hopped up a driveway and around a carport. He then headed south on U.S. 41-A. she said.

"I bet it was going 25 mph," she said. "He was really getting it. We haven't had that much excitement in Poole in a while."

Actually, the animal that club members saw was likely a wallaby, a small kangaroo that is native to Australia. There were two of them on the loose after they escaped their pen.

The animals belong to the family of Stephen and Betty Bell. The family moved to Poole about six months ago. Stephen Bell is from Australia. The Bells said the animals escaped. One was later recaptured and the other returned on its own

# Plans for healthy classes

NM LAS CRUCES — New Mexico State University officials have proposed adding a "making healthy choices" curriculum to English 111, a basic course taken by most students in their early semesters. They believe its small classes and discussion format make it ideal for talking about the dangers of party life and violence in relationships. The school has recorded two student deaths from drinking since November.

## **Doctor convicted**

MO ST. LOUIS — An area physician called "Dr. Feelgood" by a federal prosecutor was convicted of nearly 200 federal counts for attempting to dispense more than 2.5 million illegal doses of prescription drugs. From June 1999 through May 2003, prosecutors said Dr. Harry Meyer Katz. 79, illegally sold prescriptions for \$40 each for Vicodin, Darvocet, Xanax and Valium. Katz faces up to five years in prison.

## Society endorses hunts

NJ BERNARDSVILLE — The state Audubon Society is endorsing the use of hunts, hired guns and other measures to thin the state's 200,000-strong white-tailed deer herd. The organization says population-control measures must be increased to preserve the state's forests. The group says deer have become an ecological menace.

Stories and photos from wire services

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3:30	Drake & Josh Unfabulous "The Secret"	(1995, Drama) Martin Lawrence. Two Miami cops attempt to re-	Be Announced. (Live)		The Fox Report With Shepard	College Basketball NCAA Tournament First Round	Hospital Friends		
4:00	Phil of the Future "My Way"	cover stolen police evidence.			Smith	Teams TBA. From Charlotte,	Seinfeld "The Wig Master"	1	
5:00	Sesame Street (EI)	(:05) Movie *** "Sleepy	ABC World News Tonight		Lou Dobbs Tonight	N.C., Nashville, Tenn., Okla- homa City, or Worcester, Mass.	Breathingspace Yoga	1	
5:30		Hollow" (1999) Johnny Depp. Colonial villagers lose their	ESPNews			(Live)	Caribbean Workout		
6:00	Barney & Friends (EI) Clifford the Big Red Dog (EI)	heads to a phantom horseman.	CBS Evening News NBC Nightly News	Your Total Health Navy/Marine Corps News	Larry King Live	SportsCenter	Body Shaping Every Woman	Your Total Health Navy/Marine Corps News	
7:00	Planet's Funniest Animals	Movie ** * "Star Trek II: The	Oobi	Unfabulous "The Secret"	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	College GameDay	Beautiful Homes-Estates	Unfabulous "The Secret"	
7:30	Amazing Animal Videos	Wrath of Khan" (1982, Sci-	LazyTown "Lazy Scouts"	Degrassi: Next	1 -		Curb Appeal	Switched!	
8:00	Lilo & Stitch "Paxy"	ence Fiction) William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy.	The Fairly OddParents	Radio Free Roscoe	BET Nightly News	SportsCenter	Landscapers' Challenge	Radio Free Roscoe	
8:30 9:00	Teamo Supremo (EI) Static Shock "Future Shock"	(:08) Movie ** "K-9" (1989)	Dave the Barbarian Danny Phantom	American Adventurer Access Hollywood	Tavis Smiley Hardball With Chris Matthews	Tennis Pacific Life Open	Weekend Warriors Clean House	American Adventurer Access Hollywood	
9:00	Winx Club "Grounded" (EI)	James Belushi, Mel Harris. A	Drake & Josh	Access Hollywood	THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O	Men's Quarterfinals, From Indi-	ocum riouse	Access Hollywood	
10:00	Teen Titans	narcotics agent and a unique police dog join forces.	Unfabulous "The Secret"	Headline News	The O'Reilly Factor	an Wells, Calif. (Taped)	BBQ With Bobby Flay	Headline News	
10:30	Power Rangers DinoThunder	1	Switched!	ESPNews			\$40-a-Day	ESPNews	
11:00	Dragonball GT Justice League	Movie ** * "Ghost" (1990, Fantasy) Patrick Swayze, Demi	Radio Free Roscoe American Adventurer	George Lopez Half & Half	Nightline	Sports Center	Jackie Collins Presents Holly- wood wives	According to Jim Half & Half	
11:30 12:00	Teen Kids News (EI)	Moore, Whoopi Goldberg, A	Access Hollywood	Meet My Folks "The Dappers"	Dateline NBC	Tennis Pacific Life Open	101 Most Unforgettable SNL	Wife Swap "Aguirre/Ray"	
12:30	Cyberchase (EI)	murder victim returns to save his beloved fiancee.		(Part 1 of 2)		Men's Quarterfinals. From Indi-	Moments		
13:00	Trading Space: Boy-Girl		Survivor: Palau	Law & Order "Gunplay"	CNN Saturday Morning	an Wells, Calif. (Taped)	Biography	Law & Order "Gunplay"	
13:30	Strange Days-Blake Holsey Planet's Funniest Animals	(:21) Movie ** "The Cable Guy" (1996, Comedy) Jim Car-	According to Jim	Headline News	Economy Watch	SportsCenter	Austin City Limits Perfor-	Headline News	
14:00	Wild America	rey, Matthew Broderick.	Half & Half	Saturday Night Live	1	NASCAR Racing Craftsman	mance.	Saturday Night Live	
15:00	Discovery Kids Ultimate	(:09) Movie * * "The Craft"	Wife Swap "Aguirre/Ray"		CNN Saturday Morning	Truck Series World Financial	Star Trek: Voyager	1 ' 1	
15:30	Guide to the Awesome "Dogs"	(1996) Robin Tunney, Fairuza Balk. Teenage witches wreak			Open House	Group 200. From Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga.			
16:00	Hercules: The Legendary Jour- neys "Let the Games Begin"	havoc at their high school.	Law & Order "Gunplay"	Kickin' It Latest in music and trends.	Bulls and Bears Cayuto on Business	(Taped)	Kenny Loggins on Ice From Binghamton, N.Y.	Kickin' It Latest in music and trends.	
16:30 17:00	Doug "Doug Directs" (EI)	Movie ★★% "Father of the	Headline News	The Entertainers	Forbes	SportsCenter		The Entertainers	
17:00	The Wild Thornberrys	Bride Part II" (1995, Comedy)	Navy/Marine Corps News		Cashin' In	1			
18:00	The Fairly OddParents	Steve Martin, Diane Keaton, Martin Short.	SportsCenter	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Taped)	CNN Live Saturday	Road to the Final Four	What Not to Wear "Debbie" A teacher needs fashion help.	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Taped)	
18:30	Rugrats "Angelica's in Love"  Movie *** "Lilo & Stitch"		College Basketball Teams to	( lapeu)	Weekend Live With Tony	Cellege Besteibell NC**	teacher needs tashion help.  The Road to Stardom With	(rapeu)	
19:00	(2002, Comedy) Voices of Dav-	Movie ** "Bad Boys II" (2003, Action) Martin Lawrence,	College Basketball leams to Be Announced. (Live)		Weekend Live With Tony Snow	College Basketball NCAA Tournament Second Round	The Road to Stardom With Missy Elliott		
19:30	eigh Chase, Tia Carrere.	Will Smith. Two detectives battle		ESPNews	Wall Street Journal	Teams TBA. (Live)	Tru Calling "Daddy's Girl"	ESPNews	
20:30	Movie * * "The Cheetah	a drug kingpin in Miami.		ESPNews	Headline News	College Basketball NCAA	1	ESPNews	
21:00	Girls" (2003, Comedy-Drama) Raven, Lynn Whitfield.	(:15) Movie * s "Big Daddy" (1999) Adam Sandler, A goofy		Headline News	Next at CNN	Tournament Second Round Teams TBA. From Boise, Idaho,	Strong Medicine "Rash Deci- sions"	Headline News	
21:30	American Idol	ne'er-do-well adopts an impres-		Hour of Power Celebration of Victory	FOX News	Cleveland, Indianapolis or Tuc-	Friends	Hour of Power Celebration of Victory	
22:00	American Idol	sionable youngster.		Coral Ridge Hour	I OA INGWS	son, Ariz. (Live)	Seinfeld (Part 1 of 2)	Coral Ridge Hour	
23:00	American Idol	Movie ** "Booty Call"		Word in the World	FOX News		Road Rules	Word in the World	
23:30	The Simpsons		College Basketball	Cafe Video Christian music.	1	College Basketball	Punk'd	Cafe Video Christian music.	



# **FACES**



Above: Lorraine Bracco, second from left, plays Carla Grizzano on the new "Law & Order" spinoff, "Trial by Jury." Also pictured from left are Susan Blommaert, Bebe Neuwirth and my Carlson. Right: Bracco is taking her positive message about antidepressants public.

# Whacking depression

# 'The Sopranos' actress wants to end the stigma on antidepressants

BY DERRIK J. LANG The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The irony has not escaped Lorraine Bracco.

For five seasons as psychiatrist Dr. Jen-nifer Melfi on HBO's "The Sopranos," the actress has battled mob boss Tony Soprano's mental demons. But for a year and a half in real life, Bracco was fighting clinical depression with medication and thera-

"If you break your leg, you have it fixed," Bracco, 50, said recently.

"If you have a toothache, you go to the dentist. When it comes to mental health, people tend to think they can just get over

Bracco's ready to talk about her fight with depression in hopes of knocking out stigmas about antidepressants and their ef-

The mother of two went to drug manufac-

turer Pfizer in hopes of getting the word out. She has a series of commercials and a Web site, www.depressionhelp.com, with information about antidepressants.

"I don't blame anything or anyone," Bracco said. "I think it was lack of education about medication. I thought if I need medication, I must be really sick."

Bracco - who has appeared in more than 30 movies, including "GoodFellas "The Basketball Diaries" and "Even Cow-girls Get the Blues" — acknowledges she wasn't feeling too keen after battling for custody of daughter Stella with ex-husband and actor Harvey Keitel, dealing with Stella's juvenile rheumatoid arthritis and declaring bankruptcy after splitting with actor Edward James Olmos

"I just had a lot of really big things that kept pounding me and I would let all these things rule my life instead of my dreams and wishes," Bracco said.

"I was doing everything. I was being a

good mommy. The laundry was done. They had food. They were driven to school and extracurricular activities, but I was joyless in it. It just became a chore for me.

Looking back, Bracco said she was dealing with depression for over a decade. It wasn't until 1997, after she'd been cast in "The Sopranos," that she followed the suggestion of a friend to seek professional

"I was very afraid to go on any kind of medication because I was afraid it was going to dull me, which is not true," Bracco said. "I think a lot of people think you'll become a zombie."

But antidepressants didn't hinder Bracco's performance in "Sopranos," and she eventually escaped the depression.

"I was on the medication for a year and a half and went into the doctor's office and said, 'I don't really need this anymore,' " said Bracco.

"I haven't been taking it for five years, six years If the story ended here, it'd be a happy

ending for Bracco. She bought a house in the Hamptons. Stella's in college. Bracco goes back to shooting the sixth season of "Sopranos" in April. She's also appeared in the new "Law & Order" spinoff, "Trial by

And she's been dating 30-year-old former Syracuse University basketball player Jason Cipolla for almost three

"A good relationship doesn't hurt anybody," Bracco said. "Let's be fair, your or older. That's been very nice for me. Bracco said. "Let's be fair, younger

### 'Apprentice' idea lawsuit

A Southern California man who sued NBC Universal, Donald Trump and the creator of "The Apprentice" in federal court last year on claims they stole his idea now is suing in state court.

In the Superior Court lawsuit filed Monday. Mark Bethea claims that he and the Velocity Entertainment Group came up with the idea for an unscripted series called "C.E.O." The lawsuit said the series would have been set up in a corporate office environment, with Trump as its host.

The lawsuit is against Mark Burnett and his partner, Conrad Riggs, It claims Bethea pitched the idea to Burnett and Riggs in 2001 and they later lifted "substantial and integral material" from "C.E.O."

A phone call to an NBC representative seeking comment early Wednesday wasn't immediately returned

The federal lawsuit, which sought dam-

ages for copyright infringement, breach of implied contract and unfair competition. estimated that Burnett, Trump and the network had made more than \$100 million from the NBC reality show

# Snoop playing Copenhagen

Denmark got the Dogg. Snoop Dogg, that is

Organizers of the annual Roskilde Festival said Wednesday in Copenhagen that the rapper is set to play annual music show this year.

The artist, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, last visited Denmark in 1998. His latest release, 2004's "R&G - Rhythm and



Gangster: The Masterpiece," spawned the hit single "Drop It Like It's Hot." Other artists scheduled to play during

the June 30-July 3 festival include Black Sabbath, The Go! Team and Junior Senior. Last year, 75,000 tickets were sold for the outdoor event.

First held in 1971, the festival was inspired by the 1969 Woodstock Festival in upstate New York.

The event, which in recent years has been shown on MTV, attracts visitors from throughout Europe and the United States.

## Hilton: Mexico is hot

Paris Hilton arrived in Mexico to promote her perfume, book and film projects, saving she also wants to shop and visit the pyramids.

"I love Mexico," Hilton, star of the TV reality series "The Simple Life," told reporters in Mexico City on Tuesday. "The people are so nice.

Hilton said her namesake fragrance smells like flowers

The 24-year-old hotel heiress has a role

in "House of Wax," a remake of the 1953 Vincent Price horror movie. The new film. starring Elisha Cuth-

bert, is scheduled for release in the United States on May 6. Her book, "Confes-

sions of an Heiress: A Tongue-in-Chic Peek Behind the Pose," was

published last year. Hilton was expected to participate in a

1960s-themed fashion show along with other celebrities during her visit

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



# **Horoscope**

ble water signs, stirring up a power ful elixir of emotion. Something that merely irked you yesterday now seems terribly urgent **Holiday Mathis** and must be dealt with before you become so

impassioned that you lose all sense of appropriate ness. There are only two days left in this solar cycle. Don't hesitate

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 18). You truly have a new attitude this year, which opens avenues for success. Exclusive

circles welcome you. One social tie leads to another, and before you know it, you're in love! But the practicalities must be worked out by June, or it takes several more months for this relationship to hit a comfortable groove. Love signs are Taurus and Sagittarius

### ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's easy to be snobbish. But the chance to practice compassion was never so apparent. The mess you

witness this afternoon has everything to do with human error. Have pity on the poor creatures we all are. TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Someone close is in love with an idealized version of you. It's tempting to feed this fantasy and let it all go to your head! Is that so wrong? What if you saw yourself on a reqular basis just as this person does?

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Put more heart into your work. Just when you think you're giving it your all, that overachiever shows up with a new standard for excellence. If you're doing your very, very best there's no reason to feel had about the end result.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

The afternoon features a host of strange but benign interruptions. Reware of neonle who have nothing better to do with their time but "hang out." You need all the productive hours you can get.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The support you offer someone is not the same support that person can offer you. Nonetheless, don't stop giving

You learn something new and find deeper wells of respect for a loved one when you step into his or her territory

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You need all the optimism you can

get today. Dress in cheery colors. Orange and gold are lucky. Some of you win money this afternoon. Use your spare hours to clean up a pig sty - even if it's not vours.

# LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Your way works for you. But be careful not to impose your vision of the world onto impressionable people.

Children, especially, are very capable of forming their own opinions and should be encouraged to do so.

# SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Someone enthralling comes onto the scene this afternoon. It's hard for you to part company. You may even develop a fast crush. You are particularly susceptible to the charms of a Gemini or Pisces

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). You catch the "fever." whether it's hopping on to a hot trend, falling in love with an irresistible someone, or falling prey to that cold that's been passed around the office. (Steer clear of places known to host an array of germs.)

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). You can smell success, and you want to rush after it. But people around you feel safer when you act in a slow, controlled manner. As a famous officer once said. "Don't fire until you see the whites of their

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The pessimists close in. Hold onto your faith, you child of the air! The world depends on you to be fanciful and filled with wonder. Remember

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# before you were born, you could fly PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're not vulnerable, but you are

open minded. If you crack the window to listen, loved ones fill your ears with promises, promises - set out on your kitchen table like empty teacups

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## Peanuts























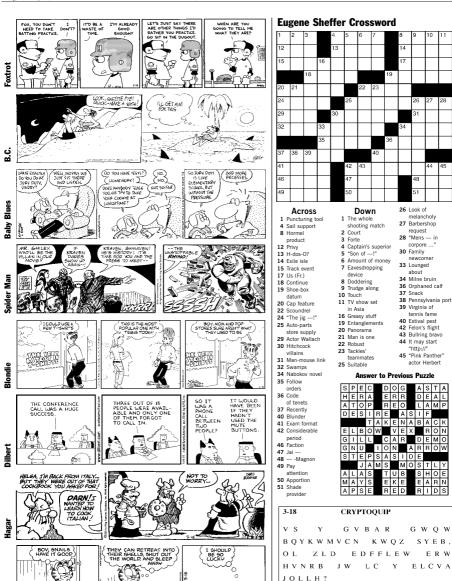








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Yesterday's

Cryptoquip:

SOMEONE DEMOLISHES A ROOF, HE SHOULD GET IN TROUBLE FOR EAVESDROPPING. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals O

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I don't feel so good

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DRUNKEN COWBOY

FELT WHEN THE

SHERIFF PUT HIM

IN THE COOLER.

Now arrange the circled letters

# **Adults' 'horseplay' dangerous**

Dear Abby: Every holiday or special occasion that's celebrated in our home involves a certain amount of "horseplay" between the men — my two adult stepsons and stepsons-in-law. Their ages range from 38 to 40.

When these supposed grown-ups come to visit, open gifts, etc., they wind up wrestling in our living room. The base of one of my lamps has been chipped, and once, my granddaughter (then 10) was pushed into a glass table and her back was

scraped through her shirt. I have asked them nicely to stop or to go downstairs, and this year I asked them to take it outside. They'll quit for a while, but act like I'm ruining their fun by telling them to stop. My husband refuses to say anything to them about it. He says it's a small price to pay because they are otherwise helpful, considerate and caring individuals, which is true. I should add that alcohol is involved

or my furniture will be broken. Not Amused in Washington

Dear Not Amused: You're afraid someone will be hurt? Someone WAS hurt — your granddaughter! If that wasn't a wake am call for those literally

> "high"-spirited, overgrown adolescents, it will never happen. At the very least, the "boys" should pay to repair or replace any items they have damaged

Alcohol isn't "in volved"; alcohol is the problem. Until the issue is brought out into the open in your family, your problem will continue.

Dear Abby: I invite my best friend, "Lara," out for lunch about twice a month, so we can sit down and catch up on our lives in person. I look forward to it, and consider it female bonding time. Because Lara currently has a low-paying job, I foot the

bill for these outings. I don't mind doing it because I enjoy

Lara's husband, "Nicky," is out work, and frankly, he's not looking very hard to find another one. My problem is that Lara usually asks me if Nicky can come along with her to lunch. I always say yes because I don't know how to say no without offending her Paving for Nicky drains my budget pretty quickly Is there a nice way of telling Lara that her husband's presence interferes with my

one-on-one time? - Frustrated in Rainy California Dear Frustrated: I think you've

ut it very well in your letter. Her husband's presence restricts the kind of conversation you'd prefer to have with her, and the expense is busting your budget. That's neither offensive nor should it be embarrassing. It's the truth.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby/Universal Press Syndicate

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



ROHORR ROZNEF

Unscramble these four Jumbles

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to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's

Answer here:

Jumbles: TITLE Answer

(Answers tomorrow) SOOTY FLATLY POISON The jockey's mail didn't arrive because it was - LEFT AT THE "POST

# **Family Circus**



"I'm okay with my p's and q's, but I have to mind my b's and d's."

# Give wife last chance before divorce

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Ruth" for eight years, and we have a 7-year-old daugh-ter. The first year we dated, Ruth cheated on me with her ex-boyfriend. I forgave her and believed it was an isolated incident. However, four years

ago, I found evidence that Ruth was engaging in various cybersex activi-ties, including exchanging nude pictures and discuss ing potential in-person meetings. When I confronted Ruth, she denied everything, then tried to make me feel guilty for having caught her. Still, when she prom ised to turn over a new leaf, I believed her.

Over the next few years, I repeatedly caught her in similar activity. After each confrontation, I stupidly believed she would change "this time."

Last year. Ruth went to her 10-year high school reunion, where she met up with the ex-boyfriend. Someone saw them making out and told me

Later, I found e-mail messages

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Abby

had planned to sleep with her ex at the reunion because she still wants him.

I've asked Ruth to go for counseling with me, but she refuses. I want a divorce However I worry about our daugh

Also, a divorce might very well send us both into bankruptcy - Betrayed in the

Midwest Dear Betrayed: It is obvious that Ruth cannot be trusted and she is not committed to your marriage. Give her one last chance to prove otherwise. Tell her if she does not go with you for counseling, you are filing for divorce. Then see an attorney about your options and financial situation. and arrange some counseling for yourself and your daughter. For low-cost options, check the National Legal Aid and Defender Association (www.nlada.org) and Alliance for Children and Families

Dear Annie: This is in response to the woman who complained about people not giving up their seats or stepping aside to let her pass into the church

pew. I find her attitude rude. My husband and I arrive at church a half-hour early to get the seats we prefer. Why should we give them up? Maybe "Hoo-sier" needs to set her alarm clock earlier. Her cry that "we have children" is just another excuse for lack of responsibility. My mom raised seven children,

and on Sunday, we were all lined up ready to go on time. - California Churchgoei Dear California: No one is asking you to change seats if you don't wish to. But some people

refuse to move out of the way and allow others to reach available spots inside the pew. That, too, is rude, no matter how much later one shows up.

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"Goldberg, you idiot! Don't play tricks on those things—they can't distinguish between 'laughing with' and 'laughing at'!"



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Carlos Moya (7), Spain, def. Fabrice San-oro, France, 7-5, 6-2.

oro, France, 7-5, 6-2.
Lleyton Hewitt (2), Australia, def.
Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 6-1, 6-0.
Andy Roddick (3), United States, def.
ernando Gonzalez (17), Chile, 6-4, 6-3.
Guillermo Canas (14), Argentina, def. Tayor Dent (30), United States, 6-3, retired.

Andre Agassi (9), United States, 6-3, Febreu.
Andre Agassi (9), United States, def. Guillermo Coria (5), Argentina, 6-4, 6-1.
Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Ivan
Ljubicic (13), Croatia, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (4).
Women

Women Quarterfinals Elena Dementieva (4), Russia, def. Svetla-

na Kuznetsova (5), Russia, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5. Kim Clijsters, Belgium, def. Conchita Mar-tinez (23), Spain, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

Doubles Men Second Round

ublic, 6-2, 6-3. Yves Allegro, Switzerland, and Michael ohlmann, Germany, def. Jordan Kerr, Australia, and Gravdon Oliver.

Wednesday's transactions

Deals

# **SCOREBOARD**

# AFN TV & Radio

## Friday

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-College basketball: ICAA men's tournament, 1st round, Win-hrop vs. Gonzaga: UCLA vs. Texas Tech throp vs. Gonzaga; ULLA vs. Load: (did). AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.-Tennis: Pacific Life Open, women's quarterfinals (did). AFN-Sports and Pacific, 6 p.m.-College bas-ketball: NCAA men's tournament, 1st round, N.C. State vs. Charlotte; Central Florida vs. Connecticut.

AFN-Radio, 6 p.m.-College basketball:
NCAA men's tournament, 1st-round double-header, teams TBD.

## Saturday

AFN-Atlantic and Sports, 1 a.m.-College basketball: NCAA men's tournament, 1st round, teams TBD. AFN-Radfo, 1 a.m.-College basketball: NCAA men's tournament, 1st-round doubleeader, teams TBD.

AFN-Pacific, 1:30 a.m.-Pro basketball: L.A. ANN-Pacinc, 1130 Balling of States and States at Indiana.
AFN-Sports, 2:30 p.m.-Motor racing: Crafts-man Trucks, World Financial Group 200 (dld).
AFN-Pacific, 6 p.m.-Boxing: Friday Night Fights, Kevin McBride 3/44-1, 26 Kos) vs.
Kevin Monity (16-2-1, 12 KOs), heavyweights (did).

AFN-Atlantic and Sports, 7 p.m.-College basketball: NCAA men's tournament, 2nd round, teams TBD.

AFN-Radio, 7 p.m.-College basketball: NCAA men's tournament, 2nd-round double-

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# Baseball

### Spring training glance AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Colorado 4, L.A. Angels 2 Kansas City, C. Chicago White Sox 3 Atlanta 4, Washington 0 Texas 9, Arizona 2ay's games N.Y. Mets vs. Washington at Viera, Fla. Cieveland vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla. Batlanta vs. Pitsburgh at Bradenton, Fla. Batlanta vs. Pitsburgh at Pradenton, Fla. Batlanta vs. Pitsburgh at Pradenton, Fla. Batlanta vs. Pitsburgh at Pradenton, Pla. la. Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater,

Tampa Bay vs. Primous-primous-fila. Florida vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla. Chicago Cubs vs. Qakland at Phoenix San Francisco vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz. Colorado (ss) vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz. Milwaukee vs. Arizona (ss) at Tucson, Milwaukee vs. Arizona (ss) at Tucson,

rizona (ss) vs. Colorado (ss) at Tucson, r. incinnati vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla. Detroit vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla.

# College basketball

# National Invitation Tournament

Opening Rou Wednesday Buffalo 81, Drew 1878.
Saint Joseph S. S., Nolstra Common William A. Davidson 77, Virginia Common Wellth 63, Nolston 187, Nicola 187, Nico uffalo 81. Dre

Memphis 90, Northeastern 65 Vanderbilt 67, Indiana 60 Vanderbilt 67, Indiana 60 Texas A&M 82, Clemson 75 Maryland 85, Oral Roberts 72

Thursday

Arizona State (18-13) at UNI V (16-13)

Cal State Fullerton (20-10) at San Fran-isco (17-13)

Saturday Buffalo (23-9) at Saint Joseph's (20-11) Davidson (22-8) at Southwest Missouri State (19-12) Western Kentucky (22-8) at Wichita State (21-9)

(21-9) Second Round Saturds Wirginia Tech (19-20) at Department (20-15) Texas A&M (20-9) at Department (20-10) Texas Christian (20-15) at Western Michigan (20-12) Partment (20-

pan (20-12)

Dates and Sites TBA

Maryland (17-12) vs. SW Missouri St.-Davidon winner winner orgetown (18-12) vs. CS Fullerton-San Francisco winner Arizona State-UNLV winner vs. South Carolina (16-13) Vanderbilt (19-13) vs. W. Kentucky-Wichita Holy Cross (25-6) vs. Buffalo-Saint Jo-seph's winner

# Men's NCAA Div. III tournament

Friday Semifinals Rochester (24-4) vs. Calvin (26-6) Wis.-Stevens Pt. (27-3) vs. York, Pa. (27-3)

# Men's NAIA Div. I tournament

Disaboma City 71, vs. Mobile 74
St. Xavier 50, Langston 55er 53
Carroll, Mont, 185, Concordia, Calif. 72, Trevecco Nazarene 79, Lewis-Clark 57, O'Robanoma Criston 88, House 187, O'T Oklahoma Criston 88, House 187, O'T Azusa Pacific 88, Houston Baptist 72
Xavier, NO 1979, vs. Webert Morris-ChicaOklahoma Sapatist (22-11) vs. Webert Morris-ChicaOklahoma Baptist (22-11) vs. Webert Morris-Chica-

go (26-4) vs. Robert Morris-Chica-Oklahoma Baptist (23-10) vs. Westminster, Georgetown, Ky. (26-5) ve. C-ern (22-8) Lubbock Christian (21-9) vs. Cal. Baptist (23-9) Cumberland, Ky. (22-8) vs. LSU-Shreveport (26-8) rhees (14-16) vs. Southern Poly St. (31-3)
Union, Tenn. (24-8) vs. John Brown (19-11)
Missouri Baptist (24-8) vs. Biola (26-7)

# Auto racing

# **Driver standings**

NASCAR Busch Series

1. Kevin Harvick, 690; 2. Carl Edwards, 610;
3. Clint Bowyer, 571; 4. Reed Sorenson, 564; 5. Martin Truex, Jr., 585; 6. Aghthor Levids, 484; 7. Justin Labontte, 427; 10. Denny Hamilin, 418.

NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series

1. Bobby Hamilton, 355; 2. Ricky Craven,

Bobby Hamilton, 355; 2 Ricky Craven, 330; 3. Jimmy Spencer, 321; 4. Ted Musgrave, 310; 5. Matt Crafton, 280; 6. Steve Park, 279; 7. Johnny Benson, 271; 8. David Reutimann, 256; 9. Dennis Setzer, 254; 10. Casey Atwood, 251

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Indy Racing League
1. Dan Wheldon 53; 2. Sam Hornish Jr. 40; 3.
Tony Kanaan 35; 4. Vitor Meira 32; 5. Helio
Castroneves 30; 6. Darren Manning 28; 7.
Patrick Carpentler 26; 8. Alex Barron 24; 9.

Patrick Carpentler 76; 8. Alex Barrón 24; 9. A.J. Foyt IV 22; 10 Paul Dana 24. A.J. Foyt IV 22; 10 Paul Dana 26. A.J. Foyt IV 22; 10 Paul Dana 26. Rubens Barrichello, Brazil, Ferrari, 8; 3. Fernando Aforso, Spain, Realulf, 6; 4. Dayd ber, Australia, Williams, 4; 6. Juan Pablo Mortoya, Colombia, McLaren, 3; 7. Christian Kllen, Austrial, Red Bull, 2; 8. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, McLaren, 1.

# College baseball

# Wednesday's scores

EAST Alderson-Broaddus 7. Saint Vincent 6

Alderson-Broaddus 7, Saint Vincent 6 John Jay 12, Kings Point 7 Delaware 5, UMBC 3 Temple 5, Pennsylvania 2 Ursinus 4, Science 59 SOUTH Alabama A&M 9-10, Miles 1-6 Appalachian State 6, UNC Asheville, 5 Arry at Florida, ecd., rain Barry 14, Molloy 4 Belhaven 14, Tougalo 4 Belhaven 14, Tougaloo 4 Bradley at North Florida, ccd., rain ETSU at Tennessee, ppd rain Fla. Gulf Coast 6, Indianapolis 5

Manhattan 4-9, Lafayette 0-12 Mississippi 3, SE Missouri St. 0 Mississippi State 11-4, Memph Montclair St. 13, Husson 7 Old Dominion 16, Richmond 4 Pfeiffer at Limester iffer at Limestone, ppd., rain ceton 7. Duke 4

Roanoke 3, Washington & Lee 1 Skidmore 7, Hamilton 5 Skidmore 7, Hamilton 5
Spring Arbor 3, Webber 2
Tulane 8, Texas Southern 4
UCF 13-10, Columbia 2-9
Uriginia 15, Coppin 5-1
Virginia 15, Coppin 5-1
Vir

evansville 5, Louisville 2 Indiana St. 11, Oakland City, Ind. 2 Manchester 8, Albion 0 Minnesota 6, St. Cloud St. 0 Nebraska 5, N. Colorado 2

Lamar 7, Purdue 2 SOUTHWEST Lamar 7, Purdue 2 Mary Hardin-Baylor 10, Wis.-Stout 1 FAR WEST Puget Sound 5, Rutgers-Camden 3

# Boxing

# U.S. Amateur Wednesday Colorado Springs, Colo All weights in pounds Preliminary bouts Men

119 Frankie Torres, Camp Lejeune, N.C., won on walkover over Tommy Atencio, Denver. Jeremy Perez, Lubbock, Texas, dec. Arman-do Ezzo-White, Pearl City, Hawaii, 21-5. Charles Huerta, Paramount, Calif., dec. Steven Johnson, St. Joseph, Mo., 29-8 teveri Johnson, St. Joseph, Mo., 23-9. David Clark, San Diego, dec. Ryan Schmidt, rand Rapids, Mich., 26-20. Issac Viscarra, Fresno, Calif., won on dis-ualification over Aaron Anderson, Knoxqualification over Aaron Anderson, Knox-ville, Tenn, D0-4, Gary Russell, Jr., Capitol Helghts, Md., dec. Jorge Diaz, New Jersey, J3-10. Troy Wohosky, Medford, Ore., stopped Mario Zarceno, Milami, RSCO-3. Chris Green, Asbury Park, N.J., dec. Marcell-

Chris Green, Asbur Park, N.J., dec. Marcelino Gsuna, Houston, 19-11.
Ray Robinson, Philadelphia, stopped Nick Terrence Crawford, Omaha, Neb., dec. Saul Lomas, Fresno, Callf., 27-9.
Joseph Francisco, Chattadooga, Tenn., won on walkover over Eric Estelle, New Bersey.
Luis Del Valle, Newburgh, N.Y., dec. Lonnie Luis Dei Valle, Newburgh, N.Y., dec. Lohnie mith, Las Vegas. Mark Davis, Cleveland, stopped Ulises Gar-la, Centralia. Wash., RSC-2.

a, Centralia, Wash., RSC-2. Jamal Parram, St. Louis, dec. Stephon Alex-ider, Norfolk, Va., 29-23. Rockhard Baltazar, California, dec. Carlos asasola, Lackland Air Force Base, 23-14.

Casasola, Lackland Air Force Base, 23-14.

Matthew Esquibel, Albuquerque, N.M., stopped Ramondo Eliot, Baltimore, RSCO-3. Johnathan Gover, San Antonio, won on walkover over Robble Cannon, Pevely, Mo. Jason Rosario, Miami, won on walkover over Carlos Small, St. Louis. over Carlos Small, St. Louis.
Damel Jilles, Jr. Rochester, N.Y., stopped Jackson Bussell, Klamath Falls, Ore, RSC-0-3. Milke Gonzalez, Milhoudkee, Wis., dec. Milke Gonzalez, Milhoudkee, Wis., dec. Mel Crossty, Cincinnati, dec. Erick Godoy, Los Angeles, 20-11.
Astan Martynioni. Chuis, 17-15.
Milchael Evans, Dayton, Ohio, stopped Ira Terry, Brighton, Tenn, RSC-2.
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Terry, Brighton, Tenni, geC-2.

Churing statisty, Balles, won on walkover
Wille texton, Christophar, Walles, W

9 152 Austin Trout, Las Cruces, N.M., stopped Corey Somerville, Covington, Tenn, RSCO-3. Demetrius Andrade, New England, dec. Jason Montgomery, Hayward, Calif., 16-10. Cedric Armstrong, Portland, Ore., dec. Sammy Martinez, Rawling, Wyo., 35-11. Deston Banks, Cleveland, dec. Rigo Gutler-Deston Banks, Cleveland, dec. Rigo Gutler-Deston Banks, Cleveland, dec. Rigo Gutler-

Sammy Martinez, Bawling, Why. 35-11, Year, J. 1980. The Samma Sam

Shawn Murphy, Alea, Hawaii, dec. Aaron Banks, Lackland Air Force Base, 25-13. Banks, Lackland Air Force Base, 25-13.

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Banks, Lackland Base, 25-1 IET-3. Joseph Rosendo, Lubbock, Texas, dec. oshua Garza, Baytown, Texas, 22-5. Dennis Hasson, Philadelphia, dec.

William Rosinsky, New York, dec. Cedric Agnew, Chicago, 18-6. Chrys Wrish, Renta 12-8. DeRae Crane, Davish, Renta 12-8. DeRae Crane, Davenport, Iowa, won on walkover over Orlando Reyes, Muscatine, Iowa.

Colo., won on disqualification over Félix Ce-pada, Miami, DO-4. Christopher Downs, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, stopped Valentino Jalamo, Amarillo, Texas. RSC-1.

Marlon Lawson, Newport News, Va., won in walkover over Jesus Ruiz, Milwaukee. Kourtney Boden, Little Rock, Ark., stopped hane Marshall, Jonesboro, Ga., RSC.1. Alfred White, Lake Charles, La., dec. Saul yon, MacFarland, Calif., 13-3.

qualificación over José Villieras, Mivinusires, Quitas Nesigne, Carmo Leisunes, Na. C. dec. James 2 Immerimas, Sai Josés, Guill., 10-9. Quantis Garess, Navovilles, Tenn., 23-7. dec. Dec. Paris, Language, News, Stopped Deceber 2 Garess, Leis Quantis Garess, Navovilles, Mex., Stopped Dec. Quantis, Tenn., Garagos, Gill., dec. David Carlos, Stolinis, Talverse, City, Mich., dec. Mich. Word, Milhouse, 33-22-31. dec. Vershua Zodok, Fairburn, Ga., 27-4. dec. Vershua Zodok, Fai

Rodriguez, El Paso, Texas, 16-8. Rodriguez, El Paso, Texas, 18-7. Kathryn Klinefelter, Iowa City, Iowa, dec. Ana Julaton, Emeryville, Calif., 16-9.

Bambi Manzo, Baytown, Texas, stopped Angela Testa, Wilmington, N.C., RSOO-2. Angela Testa, Wilmington, N.C., RSOO-2. Oda, Kaliua, Hawaii, RSC-2. Heather Hutchins, Golden Valley, Minn, stopped Arlene Samaniego, Oxnard, Calif., RSC-2.

# Tennis

# Pacific Life Open

Wednesday
At The Indian Wells, Centre
Women, \$2,724,6-90
Women, \$2,1 million (Tier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men

Men Fourth Round Nicolas Kiefer (29), Germany, def. David Nalbandian (10), Argentina, 6-1, 6-3. Tim Henman (6), Britain, def. Tommy Ro-bredo (12), Spain, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

urice Louishomme, Colorado Springs, won on disqualification over Felix Ce-

Brandon Gonzalez, San Jose, Calif., dec. Brandon Gonzalez, San Jose, Calif., dec. Louis Holloway, St. Louis, 17-7. Rommel Rene, Orlando, Fla., dec. Nicholas Wisecarver, Annapolis, Md., 12-2. 201+

kyon, Macrariano, Gaill, 13-3. Kimdo Bethel, Albany, N.Y., stopped Erasa-no Olmos, Cheyenne, Woo, RSC-1. Mike Wilson, Central Point, Ore., won on lisgualification over Tinel Sua, Kahuku, Ha-

Koffinanti, serrinavy ser.
Jordan Kert, Australia, and Graydon Oilver,
United States, 6-4 Women
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Shauphnessy (2), United States, def.
Tathiana Garbin, Italy, and Emilie Loit,
France, 6-1, 6-2 Wall.
Eugene Hill, Dickinson, Texas, dec. Theron
Johnson, Chicago, 3-1.
Gregory Corpin, Dallas, stopped Jackie
Saye, Camp Lejeune, N.C., RSC-3.
Trayis Kauffman, Reading, Pa., won on disqualification over Jose Villareal, Milwaukee, recunestagy's transactions

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American league
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one-year Contract extensions through the KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Optioned SS An-dres Blanco to Omaha of the PCL. SEATTE MARINES—Assigned their minor league camp. Optioned RIP Clint Nagootte. We austin Leon. In Pit Michael Mores and OF New Austin Leon. In Pit Michael Mores and OF Rivers and INF Vanicisty Betancourt to san Rivers and INF Vanicisty Betancourt to san Antonio of the Texas League and OF Waldmirt Balentien to Inland Empire of the California Leon. Mactional Leon. Momen

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Jennifer Barber, Northridge, Calif., dec.
Maureen O'Shea, Bronx, N.Y., 16-14.
Melissa Roberts, Manchester, Conn.,
stopped Teresa O'Toole, Nashville, Tenn.,
RSCO-3,
Jennifer Han, El Paso, Texas, dec. Rebecca

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HOUSTOR ASTRONALS—Assigned C John Wilson and C Hector Ordz. to their John Wilson and C Hector Ordz. to their John Wilson and C Hector Ordz. to their John Wilson and Riff Danniy Rueckel to New Orleans of the PCL and Riff Danriel Rasner to Harrisburg of the Eastern League. Placed MF Herry Mateo and RIFP Claudio Vargas on the 15-day DL.

BASKETBALL Charmaine Carrington, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., dec. Jean Martin, Brooklyn, N.Y., 18-14.

b-day DL.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS—Activated C. Jared Peiner
from the injured list. Placed G Frank Willums on the injured list.

NEW ORLEANS HORNETS—Activated C
amaal Magloire and F David West from the
jured list. Placed F Chris Andersen on the
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njurea list. Women's National Basketball Association MINNESOTA LYNX—Signed C Petra Ujhelyi. PHOENIX MERCURY—Named Julie Brase asstant coach. SFATTLE STORM—Signed C Suzy Batkovic.

SEATTLE STORM—Signed C Suzy Batkovic.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed RB Rudi
ohnson to a five-year contract.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Agreed to terms
with LB Matt Stewart on a three-year con-

ract. GREEN BAY PACKERS—Re-signed TE David Aartin.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed RB Edgerrin
ames to a one-year contract.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Agreed to terms
with OB Brad Johnson on a four-year con-

OMATIAN PAREES—Named Chuck PagaGAMTIAN PAREES—Named Chuck Pagano defensive assistant:
ST.OUIS RAMS—Agreed to terms with OT
Orlando Pace on a seven-year contract.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed LB Steve
Foley to a three-year contract extension
through the 2009 season.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed S Pierson Prioleau. MRE Excess.

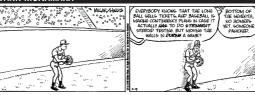
NFL Europe
RHEIN FIRE—Signed TE Danny Young.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
CHICAGO FIRE—Signed D Hollis Danaldson
and G David Mahoney. Walved D Denny Clan-

D.C. UNITED—Signed MF Steve Guppy.
COLLEGE COLLEGE

CALIFORNIA—Fired Caren Horstmeyer, vomen's basketball coach.

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# RACING STRIPES A WEEKLY LOOK AT MOTORSPORTS

# **Cutting corners**

# Cheating is part of the game in NASCAR

BY JENNA FRYER

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE N.C. here's an old saying in NASCAR: If a team ain't cheating, it ain't trying. With a murky rule book open to various interpretations, drivers and crews constantly push the limits to see what they can get past inspectors.

"Being creative is my job." crew chief Chad Knaus said when he earned his first major penalty in 2002. "If I am going to get fined and penalized for being creative, then that's just part of it. Besides, the other guys are cheating more than we are

Maybe so, but Knaus and his peers might start thinking about following the rules to the letter of the law: Knaus and two other crev chiefs were suspended this week as NASCAR cracked down on its culture of cheating.

All three crew chiefs will be allowed to com pete in Atlanta this weekend while the National Stock Car Racing Commission prepares to hear their appeals next week

Knaus was suspended for two weeks and fined \$35,000 after race-winner Jimmie Johnson's car was found to be too low followa victory in Las Vegas. Johnson was docked 25 points, which cost him his spot atop the Nextel Cup standings.

The argument is that it is confusing to the fan, who just cheered his driver on to victory, only to go home and read in the next day's paper that his guy actually didn't win.

after an event.

But NASCAR's push to stop cheating the sanction

ing body first relied on monetary fines, then upped the stakes to docking points in 2002 before issuing Tuesday's suspensions of Knaus and the crew chiefs for Kevin Harvick (one month) and Kyle Busch (two weeks) - taking victories just might be the next step.

NASCAR might have to because, as word spread through the Nextel Cup circuit about the suspensions, some considered the penalties a slap on the wrist.

"I've got three drivers who would trade \$25,000, 25 points and a suspension for a win," said Chip Ganassi, car owner for Sterling Marlin, Jamie McMurray and Casey

44 I've got three drivers who would trade \$25,000, 25 points and a suspension for a win. You want to stop cheating? Take the wins away.77

Sterling Marlin, Jamie McMurray and Casey Mears

Car owner for Nextel Cup drivers

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feud between Yunick and NASCAR's ruling France family, and inspectors spent hours each week picking over Yunick's race entries.

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In one of the most notorious Yunick stories, NASCAR questioned the fuel mileage of one of his cars after rivals accused him of having an oversized fuel tank, NASCAR removed the fuel tank, and after a heated argument, Yunick climbed into his car and drove it away without a fuel tank.

Now that Brian France, grandson of NASCAR founder Bill France, is running the sport, he's more interested in integrity than the tradition of teams trying to pull a fast one

"Anybody is free to be as aggressive against the line as they want to be, that's their job - to go all the way to the line but still be in compliance," France said. "If they miscalculate,

that the penalties against Knaus and Busch crew chief Alan Gustafson were too harsh and he is appealing. So is Childress, even though Berrier told reporters that his boss encourages him to tweak the rules

doesn't want to see people cheating. They want it to be fair for everybody, which I think is great," said 2000 series champion Bobby Labonte. "By NASCAR taking points away and fining them and giving them suspensions, it

"It's going to get to a point where everybody says this is way too much. Is it too much right

Lumpur.
Last race: Giancarlo Fisichella won the sea-son-opening Australian Grand Prix on March S. Michael Schumacher crashed with 15 laps remaining after starting on the back row of the grid because of an engine change. Next race: Bahrain GP, April 3, Sakhir. INDY RACING

This week: XM Satellite Radio Indy 200 at Avondale, Ariz. (Tape-delayed, 1 p.m. CET Sunday, APN-Atlantic). Last race: Dan Wheldon led 158 of 200 laps en route to a dominant victory in the sea-son-opening Toyota Indy 300 at Homestead, Fla. on March 6. Nex race: Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, Fla., vol. 1

### CRAFTSMAN TRUCKS

This week: World Financial Group 200 at Hampton, Ga. (Tape-delayed, 2:30 p.m. CET Last race Steve Park earned his first truck series win in the American Racing Wheels soils when the American Racing Wheels ous victory came with the Nextel Cup series on February 2015, seven months before he suffered a serious head injury at Darlington. West race Kroup 250, April, Martinsville,

CHAMP CARS

Next race: Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach (Calif.), April 10. Standings for other series on Page 28.

Mears. over on inspectors Make no mistake about it, "You want to stop cheating? Johnson should consider Take the wins away." himself fortunate he was The problem is, NASCAR never will be allowed to keep the viceven in the smallest way, we have to address able to 100 percent NASCAR has a it to maintain the credibility of the rules propolice cheating long-standing trabecause what it dition of no changing the deems illegal. Car owner Rick Hendrick has maintained crew winner But at least one driver said NASCAR is finally on the right track. "It's getting to the point where NASCAR keeps escalating. now? No, but it's taking steps to get people's attention I guess Chad Knaus, above, crew chief for Jimmie Johnson, was suspended for two weeks and fined \$35,000 after race-winner Jimmie GHTLINER Johnson's car was found to be too low following a victory in Las Vegas. Johnson was docked 25 points, which cost him his spot atop the Nextel Cup standings. Hendrick Motorsports is appeal ing Knaus' punishme

# NEXTEL CUP

Race 4: Golden Corral 500 Atlanta Motor Speedway 6:30 p.m. CET Sunday. AFN-Atlantic.

Last race: Jimmie Johnson led a race-high 107 laps and held off home town boys Kyle and Kurt Busch to win the UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 in Las Vegas. Johnson, Kyle Busch and car owner Rick Hendrick were docked points by NASCAR on Tues day for failing post-race inspections.

Last year: A week after he nearwas parked for running too slow, Dale Earnhardt Jr. zoomed by Jeremy Mayfield with 15 laps to go and sprinted to an easy victory.

## Driver to watch: **Jeff Gordon**

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# **Lady Lions** chasing 5th title in row

BY RUSTY BRYAN Stars and Stripes

The Heidelberg girls, like the boys, have a Division I soccer title streak going.

As the season opens this weekend, the Lady Lions are chasing their fifth straight championship The boys have won eight Division I titles in a row.

Although it would seem the best way to extend the streak would be to have sophomore goal-



keeper Mariah Lauritzen - who faced 31 shots in Heidelberg's 1-0 upset of previously un-

beaten Ramstein in the title game - in the nets every time out this season, it's not going to happen.
"Mariah is back," Heidelberg

coach Jim McCauley said, "and she's still not wanting to play goalaccommodate Lauritzen,

who finds playing goal "boring McCauley will play her in the field, along with All-Europe forward Grace Nichols and fellow returnees Erin and Ashley McConaughey, Kelly Scott, Julia Robertson and Eliza Bartlett.

All-Europe stalwarts Mari Sha kir and Melissa Herzil return for Ramstein, but longtime coach Bill Belmear doesn't. He retired, and has been replaced by Ricardo Buitrago who has worked with the Royals boys the past three sea-

All-Europe sweeper Bethany Fountain will be the anchor for

Würzburg coach Debby Greenberg will call upon six returnees who include all-conference performer Amanda Mastrian and goalkeener Bianca Garcia.

### Division II

While Heidelberg was extending its title string last May, Patch's run ended at six. Black Forest Academy toppled Patch in the semifinals and went on to stop Bitburg 1-0 in the title game.

BFA returns five starters, cluding All-Europe midfielder Miriam Townsend, as new coach Gena Bulgrien tries to make it two in a row for the Falcons. As always Patch will remain a factor behind All-Europeans Jessica Russell and Kylie Marchant All-Europe forward Kyrie which will be trying to win their fifth straight Division I championship. Bye-Nagel again will provide the spark for Hanau, while Mannheim will have to replace only four starters from last year's most-improved team in Europe. Naples and defending Europe an Division III champion Aviano will be playing for a Division II title this season, and Pam Hillestad's Aviano Saints will be rebuilding around Ashley Lynch, AuBree Mariz, Evin Page and Kassie Mangosing "We're excited about playing Division II," said Hillestad, whose team opens by putting its 15-game winning streak on the line Saturday at American Overseas School of Rome. In Naples, veteran Michelle Aguila and All-Europe first-teamer Tracy Light, along with seniors Tanisha Lee and Liz Stanley, will form the nucleus of Ron Ginter's first edition of the Lady Wildcats. Division III

Among the teams expected to benefit from the elevation of Aviano to Division II is 2004 Division III runner-up Ansbach. Coach Bruce Satterland returns two All-Europeans, first-team sweep-Keke Johnson and second-team midfielder Alison



Hazen. Also on the roster are all-tournament performers Alicia Contreras and Krysta Rangell and an all-conference transfer from Baumholder, Alvcia Hig-

Vicenza coach Adam Ridgley expects good things from all-conference keeper Sarah Malone, sweeper Carmen Catena, midfielder Eireanne Robertson and forward Crystal Buhler, Giessen coach Edwina Smith expects to contend behind returnees Amanda Gray and Katherine Seitz along with Janet O'Brien, Star Scott and Melanie Seitz.

Sigonella should gain from the switch of Aviano and the tournament format.

"For the last two years, [we] have lost in overtime to Aviano in the semifinals at the Mediterra-Tournament, nean Tournament," e-mailed Sigonella coach Shawn McCarthy, whose team was denied European berths each time.

This time, under the new, all-inclusive format of the European tournament, Sigonella, led by forwards Roberta Cassar and Whitney Lynch will be certain to have one

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# Heidelberg in pursuit of ninth straight crown

Stars and Stripes

start of another DODDS-Europe soccer season means Heidelberg will be chasing another boys Division I title.

So far, it's eight straight for the Lions. The seniors on this year's team were in third grade the last time Heidelberg failed to take home the crown and, according to their coach, this year's team doesn't want to be the one to end the run

'I don't worry about it." Larry Heintzman said of the string, "but the kids are worried. They'd like to do it again.'

As always, keeping the streak intact won't be easy. Crown No. 8 came via a 1-0 overtime victory last May against a Wieshaden team as talented as the Lions.

This season shouldn't be any different. Heidelberg returns second-team All-Europe midfielders Ryan Puppolo and Kevin Thorne, but lost first-team midfielder Michael Puppolo to a knee injury.

"It'll be a challenging year," Heintzman said. "The league gets tougher every year, and they're all gunning for us.'

Part of the challenge will again come from Wiesbaden, whose two first-team All-Europeans, junior striker Lones Seiber and senior keeper Dan Parker, return for coach Ben Arcila.

The bounty doesn't end there. "Standouts like Matt Alexander, Paul Fry, Chris Kitterman and Dan Lohmer will give us ex-perience and aplomb on defense," Arcila wrote in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes.

Ramstein said farewell to its only 2004 All-European, Matt Irwin, but the Royals always have a presence on the pitch. Würzburg returns nine starters

this season, the first for Wolves' coach Mike Whitescarver. Kaiserslautern. Lakenheath and International School of Brussels round out the D-1 race.

Things should be just as tight in Division II, in which Black Forest Academy surprised the field last season and took a 4-1 shootout victory over Vilseck in the European title game. Scott Custer, the keeper who

saved two penalty kicks in the shootout, returns along with four other seniors

And the Falcons aren't looking

# **Boys soccer**

"We don't see ourselves as defending a championship,' Charles Greathouse said. "We see a championship out there, and see ourselves going after it.

BFA will have company. AFNORTH, 2004's third-place team, got 36 goals from All-Euro-peans Pal Skaugen and Mike Kincaid. Both are back, said coach Greg Blankenship, who will team them with 6-foot-2. 200-pound sweeper Stian Standahl and a talented corps of midfielders

Vilseck, with All-Europe keeper Kevin Pollock returning, is expected to contend again, while Hanau will blend Olympic Development Program freshmen Blake Langford and Juan Agosto with striker Marcus Fontanez and midfielder Brett Noll in the Panthers attempt to join the race.

Mannheim again finds itself rebuilding, this time around all-conference performer Robert O'-Doherty. Patch and SHAPE. drawing as always on skilled players from NATO nations, also figure into the picture.

As they did in volleyball and basketball, Italian schools Aviano and Naples will play in Division II in the Europeans. Naples, which dropped the Division III title game to perennial power American Overseas School of Rome 2-1 in OT last year, returns eight players, including title-game mainstay Mike Monaco, according to coach Peter Nagafuchi.

### Division III

Two-time defending champion AOSR is an automatic among the contenders. Chasing it will be Italian rival Milan and last year's champions, Giessen. The Griffins return seven from last season's team, coach Robert Acaba said.

Ansbach's Marcus George, who has guided the Cougars football team to three straight European crowns, turns his hand to soccer this spring with a roster of 11 freshmen. Returning goalkeeper Tyler Sherman, a sophomore, made an impression

In the same situation is Baumholder, whose lineup is dominated by freshmen and sophomores, coach Dave Schwab said. They'll rally around striker Zain Shah, midfielder Michael Walker and sweeper Patrick Washington.

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## Local scoreboard

### High school baskethall **DODDS** all-conference teams

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Division II—Marcus Fontanez, Malcolm

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Honorable mention—Alison Hazen, Ans-bach; Jessica Mayfield, Bamberg; Ashley Karayannis, Baumholder; Mica Nicholson and Vanessa Turner, Hohenfels.

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Italy—Katle Cordova, Kassie Mangosing and Cheri McNeely, Aviano: Michelle Aguila. Renna Damon and Mikal Willmer, Naples: Elizabeth Lally and Rachail Smith, Sigonella: Michela Lombardi, American Overseas School of Rome.

School of Rome.

Honorable mention—Mavis Sanders, Aviano; Michele Brown, Naples; Whitney Lynch, Sigonella: Volanta Stovall, Vicenza: Megan Filipp, Milan; April Lecato, Marymount International School of Rome.

# **Bonds has second knee operation**

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds underwent a second operation on his right knee Thursday morning, a setback that makes unlikely his hopes of being ready for Opening Day.

While the San Francisco Giants offered no timetable for the slugger's return, it took the seven-time NL MVP more time than expected to recover from the first surgery on the knee Jan. 31. Giants trainer Stan Conte said he would not rule out the possibility of Bonds being ready for the opener on April 5, but said it is "not an unreasonable thine" to as-

sume he'il be sidelined past that date.
"It would be pretty incredible, but I've learned with Barry I' never say he can't do something," Conte said from spring training at

Scottsdale Stadium in Arizona.

The Giants said in a statement that Bonds had arthroscopic surgery to repair tears in the knee, similar to his earlier operation. Both operations were performed

in the Bay Area by Art Ting.

Bonds, 40, has "experienced periods of swelling in his knee following an incident when he accidentally hit his knee on a table at
SBC Park Feb. 4. Neither rest nor
his current rehabilitation program has helped alleviate the periodic swelling," the Giants said
in a release.

in a release.
"It was a big blow to begin with and now it's a bigger blow," manager Felipe Alou said before the Giants headed to Surprise to play the Rangers in an exhibition game. "Now it's real, he's going to

e out."

Conte said the swelling initially

# Baseball briefs

was considered a normal part of Bonds' recovery, but when it wouldn't go away he knew something was wrong.

Bonds returned to San Francisco on Wednesday from spring training to be evaluated by Ting, and the process took all day, Conte said. An MRI showed "new tears that had to be addressed."

Bonds hasn't worked out on the

Bonds hasn't worked out on the field since taking batting practice Sunday. He hasn't played in any exhibition games.

exhibition games.

Bonds begins the season with
703 homers, third on the career
list behind Babe Ruth (714) and

### Trachsel to have surgery for herniated disk

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — New York Mets pitcher Steve Trachsel will have surgery to repair a herniated disk in his back and is likely to miss a major portion of the

Trachsel will be operated on in Los Angeles by Dr. Robert Wat-

"This is not what I expected when I left last week to go to New York for X-rays," Traches leaid in a statement released by the Mets. "I thought I would get a shot and be back. At least they know what the problem is. There is no doubt in my mind I'll be pitching again before the end of the season."

Players who have this type of operation normally miss about three months, Mets General Manager Omar Minaya said. Trachsel will spend two weeks recuperating at his home in San Diego, the Mets said, but Minaya wouldn't speculate on how much time Trachsel will miss. New York will first look internally to fill Trachsel's spot as the No. 5 starter.

### Former Red Sox reliever Radatz dies

EASTON, Mass. — Former Boston Red Sox pitcher Dick Radatz, among the most feared relievers of the 1960s, died after falling down a flight of stairs in his home. He was 67.

Radatz, who at 6-foot-5 was nicknamed "The Monster," lost his balance and suffered a severe head injury in the fall Wednesday afternoon, police Chief Thomas Kominsky said.

"It is believed that as Radatz tumbled down the stairs, he struck his head on the carpet-covered concrete floor," Kominsky said in a statement. "Paramedics were unable to revive Radatz, due to the severity of his injuries — severe head trauma."

The death is believed to be accidental, Kominsky said. He said the offices of the state medical examiner and Bristol County dis-

trict attorney were investigating. Radatz pitched seven seasons in the majors for Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, the Chicago Cubs and Montreal. His career record was 52-43, with 122 saves and a 3.13 ERA.

His best years were in Boston, where he broke into the big leagues in 1962. He was an All-Star in 1963 and 1964. In four-plus seasons with the Red

Sox, he was 49-34 with 104 saves
— applied under modern rules because saves weren't recorded as a
statistic in those days.

# McGwire: Baseball's policy attacked by lawmakers

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mones is that they are very bad for you, even lethal," Sosa said in his prepared testimony. "I would never put anything dangerous like that in my body."

"To be clear," Sosa added, "I have never taken illegal performance-enhancing drugs. I have never injected myself or had anyone inject me with anything."

Canseco's recent best-selling book alleging rampant steroid use by major leaguers helped attract congressional attention, and Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling took a shot at the former slugger.

Schilling, called to testify because of his outspokenness against steroids, said in prepared testimony that Canseco's claims "should be seen for what they are: an attempt to make money at the expense of others."

Selig sat with arms crossed and lips pursed as Waxman and committee chairman Tom Davis, R-Va., chastised baseball. Almost all the lawmakers prefaced comments or questions by sharing a personal baseball anecdote or professing their love for the game—

before leveling their critiques.
"Baseball's policy needs to be one of zero tolerance and it needs to have teeth," said Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md.

In the runup to Thursday, several lawmakers criticized baseball's new drug-testing agreement, and they were particularly critical of the plan's provision allowing for fines instead of suspensions. A first offense could cost a player \$10,000 instead of 10 days out from a 162-game season.

"Personally, I think the penalties are really puny. I'd like to see much stronger ones," Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., a former pitcher elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1996, told the committee.

He and others said Congress should impose tougher rules if baseball doesn't.

There's no pending bill; Davis and Waxman set out to shed light on the issue Thursday, but they've said there could be future hearings. The House Energy and Commerce Committee has raised the possibility of pursuing legislation down the road.

"They would have to make some sort of carveout of the federal labor laws," baseball executive vice president Rob Manfred said. "It would not be easy."

Selig, in his prepared statement, defended the steroids policy drawn up in January, saying it's "as good as any in professional sports" and adding that he agreed to shorter bans "on the theory that behavior modification should be the most important goal of our policy."

First-time offenders are suspended for at least four games in the National Football League (which has 16-game seasons) and for five games in the National Basketball Association (which plays 82 in a season). Most Olympic sports call for a two-year ban for a first positive test and a lifetime ban for a second.



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In his prepared testimony, union head Donald Fehr defended the policy and cautioned Congress about getting involved in collective bargaining agreements.

He also said that revealing names of players who fail drug tests "could be devastating and certainly will be a significant deterrent"

The committee also heard from the parents of two young athletes who committed suicide after using steroids, and medical experts who talked about the possible effects of the drugs: heart disease, cancer, sterility, depression.

"Players that are guilty of taking steroids are not only cheaters — you are cowards," said Donald Hooton of Plano, Texas, whose son, Taylor, was 17 when he hanged himself in July 2003.

"You hide behind the skirts of your union and with the help of management and your lawyers, you've made every effort to resist facing the public today," Hooton said.

Davis and Waxman said a major point of the hearing is to address baseball's influence on young athletes who might take steroids if they think the pros do.

"Major League Baseball and the players' association say that this is a subject that should be left to the bargaining table. They're wrong. This is an issue that needs debate in Congress and around the dinner tables of American families." Waxman said.

"There is a pyramid of steroid use in society and today our investigation starts where it should with the owners and players at the top of that pyramid." he said.

Acknowledging the influence major leaguers have on children, Selig said, "Allegations of steroid use have been sending a terrible message."

He also noted that baseball is working on public service announcements to discourage steroid use.





## Men's NCAA tournament

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Boston College (24-4) vs. Pennsylvania

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# The Tide is out

# Wis.-Milwaukee surprises 'Bama; Kentucky slips past E. Kentucky

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND - Joah Tucker and Ed McCants scored 21 points apiece as Wisconsin-Milwaukee got its first-ever NCAA tournament victory, an 83-73 upset of fifth-seeded Alabama on Thurs-

Wisconsin-Milwaukee (25-5)won in its second NCAA tournament outing the Horizon League champion fell 70-69 to Notre Dame two years ago, also as a 12th seed. This is the 16th time in 17 years that as 12th-seeded team has beaten a No. 5 seed

Kennedy Winston had 20 points and Ronald Steele 16 for the Crimson Tide (24-8), who had hoped to have another run like a year ago when they made it to the round of eight. Milwaukee, which has won 10 straight and 18 of 19, will play either Boston College (24-4) or Pennsylvania (20-8) on Saturday.

The Panthers made 10 three-pointers while building a 45-32 halftime lead, only to have Alabama trim it to five with 13 minutes to play. Milwaukee reeled off six straight points to stem that rally and led 76-63 on a three-pointer by McCants with

Alabama's Jean Felix hit consecutive three-pointers and Ala-

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bama was within 79-73 with 1:03 left. But Boo Davis made two free throws and McCants got free for a breakaway dunk as the Panthers closed it out.

## **Austin Regional**

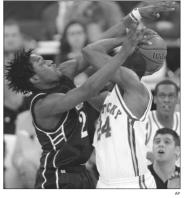
No. 7 Kentucky 72, Eastern Kentucky 64: At Indianapolis, Kelenna Azubuike and Chuck Hayes each scored 16 points and second-seeded Kentucky (26-5) dominated the middle in holding off the scrappy but outmanned Colonels (22-9) Kentucky ran its NCAA tourna

ment-record victory total to 94 and improved to 37-9 in tournament openers. The Wildcats face Cincinnati or Iowa on Saturday. The Colonels, making their

first tournament appearance since 1979, were led by Matt Witt with 21 points.

The Colonels, whose coach, Travis Ford, was a star guard for the Kentucky team that advanced to the Final Four in 1993, made a final challenge when Witt hit consecutive three-pointers to close the gap to 67-62 with 2:13 to go.

No. 17 Oklahoma 84. Niagara 64: At Tucson, Ariz., Drew Lav-



Kentucky's Kelenna Azubuike, right, is fouled by Eastern Kentucky's Darnell Dialls in first half of their first-round NCAA tournament game.

ender led six Sooners in double figures with 17 points as third-seeded Oklahoma (25-7) rode a solid defensive effort to victory over the 14th-seeded Fagles. Juan Mendez led Niagara (20-10) with 22 points and 15 rebounds, but he missed his first 11 shots in the second half as Oklahoma built a 19-point lead. Calvin Murphy, who starred for Niagara the last time the Eagles made the tournament (1970) sat in the cheering section Thursday.

# Albuquerque Regional

No. 22 Pacific 79, Pittsburgh 71: At Boise, Idaho, Christian Maraker scored 17 points, including a late three-pointer that helped clinch victory for Pacific (27-3) Mike Webb added 15 points, going 4-for-4 from beyond the arc to help the Tigers to a 45-30 halftime lead. Pitt rallied in the second half, sparked by Carl Kraus-er, who got 25 of his 27 points after intermission.

# Knight mellowing? Well, maybe not

BY BETH HARRIS

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. - Confronted with the notion that he's mellowed in recent years, Bob Knight stopped and, as always, considered the source. This time, it wasn't a pesky re-

porter, but his son, Pat, an assistant to his father at Texas Tech who suggested as much Wednes-"Pat said that?" Knight asked.

"Well, you know, that's nice. That's the first time I've heard him say that."

The notoriously combustible coach fell silent for several seconds

"I've probably always been a lot more mellow than some of you people have thought," he said, staring down from a platform that put Knight high above the assem-

bled media And then came the zinger.

"I've always been fascinated with the use of descriptive phraseology about people whom the phraser knows absolutely nothing," he said, creating a word that doesn't evist

Mostly though, the 64-year-old Knight came across as more mellow than feisty on the eve of his 27th NCAA tournament.

The Hall of Fame coach hasn't stuck around long enough recently to create a fuss. He has just three victories in his past eight



Texas Tech coach Bob Knight fields a question during a news conference on Wednesday.

tournaments, having failed to reach the second weekend since 1994. Which likely doesn't sit well with a coach whose players describe him as ultra competitive.

"They mistake his ambition to win for he yells too much, but it's passion. People don't understand that," said guard Ronald Ross, Tech's leading scorer. "If you're around him every day, you'll just know that he's so passionate for

coaching. He really cares about his players

Asked if mellow is a word he would associate with Knight, Ross smiled and said, "Not when it comes to basketball. When he's just hanging out, he's a pretty mellow guy, but then again, coach ain't the most mellow person in the world."

Knight, who needs 28 victories to surpass Dean Smith's Division I record of 879, leads sixth-seeded Texas Tech against 11th-seeded UCLA in the first round of the Albuquerque Region on Thursday night. The Red Raiders (20-10) are

making their third NCAA appearance in Knight's four years UCLA (18-10) has its lowest seed in a tournament it has won a record 11 times.

Gonzaga (25-4), the third seed in the region, meets 14th-seeded Winthrop (27-5) in the night's earlier game. The teams bring the longest winning streaks into the tournament. Winthrop has won 18 straight; Gonzaga 12.

The day games feature teams from the Austin Region. No. 3 seed Oklahoma (24-7), the Big 12 regular-season champion, plays 14th-seeded Niagara (20-9), making its first NCAA tournament appearance in 35 years.

In the second game, sixth-seed ed Utah (27-5) takes on 11th-seeded UTEP (27-7) at Arizona's McKale Center

The Texas Tech-UCLA matchup pairs a coach (Knight) and a team (UCLA) looking to revive their reputations in the NCAA tournament.

Knight has won three national titles, but none since 1987 at Indiana, which fired him in 2000. It's been 10 years since the Bruins won the NCAA championship, and three years since they last played in the tournament.

While others typically hold UCLA in awe, Knight clearly doesn't

"They've had great teams, that's obvious, but so have other schools," he said. "There's a really good history and tradition there in basketball, but it's the same kind of tradition that exists someplace else.

The Bruins start three freshmen — the only tournament team to do so - who are used to playing in McKale Center. But the team has lost its past seven games in the arena, including a 76-73 defeat against Arizona on

Knight got his dander up slightly when asked about rumors mentioning him as a candidate for the Tennessee job.

"I've gotten a little bit tired of that over my time in coaching, he said

Pushed for a ves or no answer. Knight snapped, "If you can't get an answer from that, you ought to go back to school."

Class dismissed.

# Bryant gives St. Joseph's a lift in NIT

John Bryant wanted the chance to finish his career on the basketball court. He's getting that opportunity in the NIT

Bryant returned to Saint Joseph's lineur Wednesday night and provided a lift in a 53-44 victory over Hofstra. He was in the starting lineup three weeks after his arm was broken on a hard foul ordered by Temnle coach John Chaney

Bryant received a standing ovation from the home crowd when he was introduced

as the starting power forward.
"It's nice that the fans acknowledged

him." coach Phil Martelli said. "It just feels great to come back," Bryant said. "Just like anybody with an injury, the

first game back is special." Bryant was scoreless but had three assists and grabbed five rebounds in 23 min-

The difference in the game was the Hawks' experience down the stretch against the Pride. Pat Carroll scored 16 points. Dwayne Jones added 12 points and 15 rebounds, and Lee had 14 points for the Hawks (20-11)

Cal St. Fullerton 85, Oregon St. 83 (OT): Ralphy Holmes hit a jump shot just before the buzzer sounded to win it. Holmes and Bobby Brown each had 27 points to lead the host Titans (20-10), who are making their third NIT appearance.

W. Kentucky 88. Kent St. 80 (OT): Antonio Hayes scored 29 points and had three steals for Western Kentucky (22-8), Anthony Winchester scored 20 points and Courtney Lee added 17 for the host Hilltoppers who generated 33 points off Kent State's season-high 28 turnovers

Buffalo 81. Drexel 76 (OT): Mark Bortz had 20 points and Turner Battle added 19 to lift Buffalo (23-9), which lost on a last-second shot to Ohio in the Mid-American Conference championship game. It fea-tured 14 lead changes before Battle sent it into overtime with a spinning layup with 1.7 seconds left

San Francisco 69, Denver 67: At San Francisco, Tyrone Riley made a layup with 1.3 seconds left and the Dons won their first postseason game in 26 years. John Cox scored 15 of his 27 points in the final 11:11, rallying San Francisco (17-13).



Maryland's Mike Iones (23) reacts after scoring a basket as Oral Roberts' Ken Tutt (1) and Matt Gastel look on

Texas A&M 82. Clemson 74: Freshman center Joseph Jones scored a season-high 25 points to lift host Texas A&M (20-9) to its first postseason win in 23 years

Maryland 85, Oral Roberts 72: Travis Garrison had 18 points and 11 rebounds, and host Maryland ended a four-game losing streak. Mike Jones scored 18 and Will Bowers added a career-high 14 for the Terrapins (17-12), who had gone nearly a month since their last victory, at Virginia

Vanderbilt 67. Indiana 60: Corev Smith had 25 points and the visiting Commodores (19-13) held off a late Indiana rally in a game that was played before a record-low crowd of 5.113 at Assembly Hall.

TCU 60. Miami of Ohio 58: Nile Murry hit an 18-foot jumper with 4 seconds left to lift visiting Texas Christian (20-13). RedHawks senior Chet Mason was called for an offensive foul with the scored tied at 58 and 35.5 seconds remaining, leading to Murry's winner.

Georgetown 64, Boston U. 34: At Washington, Jeff Green and Darrel Owens had 17 points apiece, and coach John Th-

ompson III got his first postseason victory. Green dominated inside against the undersized Terriers frontcourt, going 7-for-10, including three dunks and two three-point plays.

Also, it was Davidson 77, Virginia Commonwealth 62: Wichita State 85. Houston 69: Southwest Missouri State 105. Rice 82: Memphis 90, Northeastern 65,

# **Magic fire coach Davis**

ORLANDO, Fla. - Johnny Davis was fired Thursday as coach of the Orlando Magic, who have lost six straight games and are on the verge of falling from playoff contention. Assistant Chris Jent was hired as interim coach.

"We work in a bottom-line business."

general manager Weisbrod said in a statement. "It is our responsibility to do everything possible to create the best opportunity for success

Davis was dismissed along with Ron Ekker hours after Wednesday night's 110-102



road loss to the Los Angeles Clippers, dropping the Magic to 31-33 and leaving them tied with Philadelphia for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot. The team, in the middle of a West Coast road swing, plays Friday at Seattle.

Davis told the Orlando Sentinel he was 'surprised and disappointed" by the firing with just 18 games left in the season and the club still trying to make the playoffs.

"It caught me completely off guard," Davis told the newspaper. Jent, who spent two seasons in the NBA

and was a member of the 1994 champion Houston Rockets, became a Magic assistant this season and is a head coach for the first time. He was promoted over assistant Paul Westhead, who coached the Los Ange-

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title and later coached the Denver Nuggets. Davis' overall record

the Magic was 51-84. He also coached

## Philadelphia in 1996-97, going 22-60 there. Iverson hopes to play with injury

PHILADELPHIA - Allen Iverson remained hopeful Wednesday a chipped bone in his left thumb won't cost him any

"Nine times out of 10. I'm playing Friday," Iverson said after the 76ers practiced without the All-Star Game MVP.

Iverson, the NBA's leading scorer, was hurt in Philadelphia's win over the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night. Iverson said Wednesday he still wasn't sure when the injury happened, though he thought it might have been on a play in which he was fouled by Kobe Bryant.

Coach Jim O'Brien said Iverson was a game-time decision for the Sixers on Friday night at Cleveland. Iverson, who scored 36 points against the Lakers, was listed as day-to-day.

"To a certain extent, it is tolerance of pain, but it's also going to be how the X-ray looks and whether there would be a chance of further injury," O'Brien said.

The injury comes at an inopportune time for the Sixers (31-33), who trail Boston by four games in the Atlantic Division

Philadelphia is a half-game behind Or-lando for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

If Iverson can't play, Willie Green would start. Chris Webber, who has struggled in 10 games with Philadelphia, could also get the ball more often.

# Celtics win fifth straight

BOSTON - Paul Pierce and Antoine Walker each scored 24 points, and the Bos-Celtics nearly blew a 16-point fourth-quarter lead before pulling out a

110-109 win over the Toronto Raptors on



Wednesday night. The win was the fifth straight for the Atlantic Division-leading Celt-ics and their ninth in 10

games since acquiring Walker from Atlanta on Feb. 24 Tony Allen finished with 16 points for

Boston, including a pair of important baskets in the final 1:46. Ricky Davis had 14. Jalen Rose led the Raptors with a sea son-high 35 points and Chris Bosh had 20 before leaving with a bruised lower back

early in the final quarter. Rose scored seven straight points, giving the Raptors a 107-106 lead on a driving shot over Pierce with 2:03 to play. Allen

broke free inside for a jam, but Toronto regained the lead on Rafer Alston's jumper with 1:30 to play. Allen's drive made it 110-109 14 seconds

Spurs 89, Timberwolves 73: At San Antonio, Tim Duncan scored 25 points and Robert Horry added 18, his highest total in his two seasons with the Spurs.

The Spurs, playing a fourth straight game without swingman Manu Ginobili, made 12 of their first 15 shots to quickly open a double-digit lead they maintained for most of the game

San Antonio shot 70 percent in the first quarter and 35 percent after that, but the Timberwolves managed only 39 percent for the game. The Spurs made half of their 14 three-pointers and committed only

eight turnovers, compared to 20 turnovers for Minnesota

Pacers 103. Jazz 84: At Indianapolis. Stephen Jackson scored 28 points and Indi-ana hit 37 of 43 free throws. Reggie Miller scored 15 points and Anthony Johnson 12 for the Pacers

Mehmet Okur scored 16 points and Andrei Kirilenko 15 for Utah.

Wizards 122, Hawks 93: Gilbert Arenas had 29 points and Larry Hughes added 23 as visiting Washington had a season-high point total. The Wizards used a 24-2 run in the fourth quarter to win con-secutive games for the first time in 13

Nets 100, Bulls 84: At East Rutherford, N.J., Vince Carter scored 30 points as New Jersey completed a season sweep of Chicago. Jason Kidd had 22 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists

Bucks 96, Cavaliers 88: Michael Redd scored 32 points and Joe Smith tied his season high with 21 as the Bucks withstood 34 points from LeBron James, extending Cleveland's road losing streak to eight

Grizzlies 88. Hornets 82: At New Orleans, James Posey scored 20 points and Earl Watson scored seven of his 16 points

late in the fourth quarter. Rockets 108, Trail Blazers 77: David Wesley and Bob Sura scored 21 points

each to lead the Rockets to their sixth straight win. It was the Rockets' first game back home after sweeping a four-game road trip over some of the best teams in the West, including Phoenix and Seattle.

Clippers 110, Magic 102: At Los Angeles, Corey Maggette shrugged off a sore left wrist and scored 31 points, extending Orlando's losing streak to a season-high six

# James signs Colts' 1-year offer

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts' career rushing leader is staying put — for now Former two-time NFL rushing champi-

on Edgerrin James signed a one-year franchise offer Wednesday that will pay him a little more than \$8 million this year But that won't slow James' efforts to get

a long-term deal or seek a trade. "We think by making the move, it will

help facilitate either a long-term deal or enhance our chances of working out a trade," said Drew Rosenhaus, James' agent

The move comes one week after team president Bill Polian told Rosenhaus that the Colts could not afford to sign James to a long-term contract. Rosenhaus has been trying to work out a trade ever since.

### Pace, Rams agree to seven-year deal ST. LOUIS - The St. Louis Rams and

six-time Pro Bowl offensive tackle Orlando Pace beat a deadline on Wednesday, agreeing on a seven-year, \$52.9 million deal.

The Rams had faced a deadline to re-sign Pace, who visited the Houston Tex-

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Tuesday to discuss a possible deal. Had the Rams failed to re-sign Pace by the deadline, the sides couldn't have

signed a contract until July 15

### Strahan complaint dismissed

NEWARK, N.J. - A Superior Court judge on Thursday dismissed a domestic violence complaint against New York Giants defensive end Michael Strahan just days after he filed for divorce. The complaint stemmed from an argu-

ment about money between Strahan and his wife, Jean, at their house in Montclair on March 10

Judge Thomas Zampino ruled the argument did not involve physical violence, but not before Jean Strahan testified about In often tear-filled testimony, she de-

scribed past incidents in which she claimed the NFL veteran physically abused her, including several times when he choked or punched her.

Michael Strahan denied the abuse allegations. He filed for divorce Monday

# Pistons stretch home streak to 10 Anthony does

BY LARRY LAGE The Associated Press

AURURN HILLS Mich - On the night Ben Wallace broke Detroit's shot-blocking record, Rasheed Wallace's defense and clutch shooting ensured the Pistons would win their 10th in a row at home.

Chauncey Billups tied a season high with 32 points and Rasheed Wallace had nine of his 24 during a key stretch of the fourth quarter to lift Detroit to a 102-95 win over Seattle on Wednesday night.

"We knew we had to step it up at the de-fensive end to end it," Rasheed Wallace said

Rashard Lewis' three-point play midway through the fourth quarter put Seattle ahead 83-82, its first lead in almost 10 min-

The teams took turns with the lead before Rasheed Wallace turned two steals into a dunk and a mid-range jumper, giving the Pistons a 91-90 lead Richard Hamilton then connected on a three-pointer, and Tayshaun Prince made two free throws to seal the victory.

"Sheed went on a little tear and when he gets rolling, it's tough to stop him because he can do it at both ends," said Ben Wal-lace, whose first of three blocks surpassed Terry Tyler's franchise record of 1,070

"It's a good feeling to accomplish a milestone like that," he said. "And, it feels good

to get it at home.' Lewis scored 26 for the SuperSonics, who had won four straight on the road.

"When the game was on the line we fell apart." Seattle coach Nate McMillan said. Seattle's Ray Allen missed all four of his



### Pistons center Ben Wallace is fouled by Seattle's Nick Collison as he drives to the basket.

shots and was held to two points in the first half before finishing with 20 points on 6-for-11 shooting.

"We had the game under control and a three-point lead and then we turn the ball over twice," he said, referring to Rasheed Wallace's steals. "That was the game." Allen bristled when he was asked about

his shot total. "No, I'm not getting enough looks," he

said. "You've gotta talk to the coach." Jerome James added 12 points and reserve Antonio Daniels scored 10 points for the Sonics.

Richard Hamilton and Tayshaun Prince each scored 18 for the Pistons, who have won four of their past five games.

Pistons coach Larry Brown missed his second straight game and is out indefinitely after having surgery Monday related to November hip operation. Gar Heard coached in Brown's place.

Ben Wallace helped Detroit take a 27-19 lead in the first quarter with all of his six points, nine of his 14 rebounds and his record-breaking block.

"He's one of the best off-the-ball defend-ers I've ever seen," Heard said. "The two things you know that you will always get from Ben is that he will go for every rebound and every block."

The Sonics started the second quarter with a 12-0 run and led 47-42 at halftime.

# job early, sits out end of rout

DENVER - Carmelo Anthony watched the end of the game from the bench for all the right reasons Anthony scored 25 points in just 21 min-utes Wednesday night to lead the Denver

Nuggets to a 120-101 victory over the Charlotte Bobcats.

The second-year star, who spent the final 17 minutes of Sunday's loss to Phoenix on the bench, spent the final 14 min-utes watching this one — but it wasn't because he was having a bad game. Rather, he went 10-for-16 to help Denver put the

game out of reach early.
"Something to prove? No. When you try to prove something to somebody, it never works," Anthony said. "I just wanted to go out, play basketball, continue doing what I

was doing." As a result, Denver had its best night of offense this season.

The Nuggets shot 54 percent and hit the 120-point mark for the first time. They also finished with 40 assists — the highest total in the NBA this season.

"It goes to show that, as a team, we're capable of doing that — sharing the ball," An-thony said. "When we want to be unselfish, we can be unselfish."

Keith Bogans had 19 points and Emeka Okafor had 17 points and eight rebounds for Charlotte, which played the first of a three-game Western road swing. Seven of the expansion Bobcats' 12 wins this season have come against teams from the Western Conference, including a 94-88 win over Denver last month.

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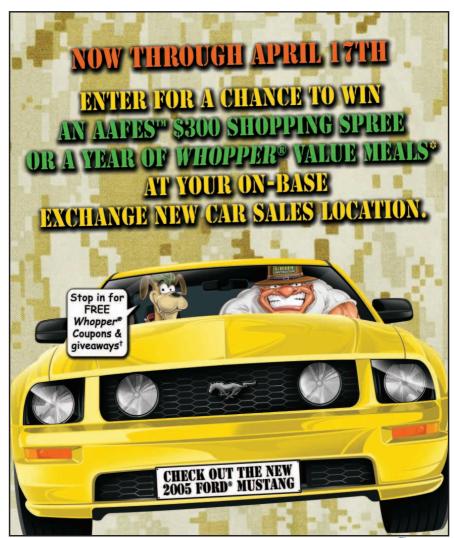
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# McGwire won't 'name names'

Lawmakers chastise MLB commissioner as hearing opens

BY HOWARD FENDRICH AND RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Retired slugger Mark McGwire Thursday told a congressional panel investigating drugs in baseball that he would not "participate in naming names" of players who used steroids.

McGwire did not say in his opening statement to the House Government Reform Committee whether he used steroids.

Two current players, Sammy Sosa and Rafael Palmeiro, said they never used steroids. That duo and McGwire were accused of using performance-enhancing drugs by Jose Canseco in a best-selling book that helped prompt the hearing.

In a tense scene, Canseco sat at the same table as the other players as he told the lawmakers that he could not fully answer their questions because of concerns his testimony could be used against

Choking back tears, his voice cracking, McGwire said he knows that steroid use can be dangerous and will do whatever he can to discourage young athletes from using them.

"What I will not do, however, is participate in naming names and implicating my friends and teammates," said McGwire, who ranks sixth in major league history with

583 homers.

Earlier, Commissioner Bud
Selig defended Major League
Baseball's drug-testing policy
against withering attacks from
lawmakers who called the penalties too light and progress on steroids too slow.

"Baseball did nothing over the years," said California Rep. Henry Waxman, the ranking Democrat on the House panel holding a hearing on steroids in Poll: Most Americans want users out of record books

The Associated Press

By a 2-1 margin, Americans think professional baseball players who have broken Major League Baseball's rules by using performance-enhancing drugs should not be allowed to remain in the record books. a poll found.

The ABC-ESPN poll of 1,019 adults was taken March 11-15 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, and 4 percentage points for baseball fans.

Some other findings:

Two-thirds said that "such athletes who use performance-enhancing drugs" should not be eligible for the Hall of Fame.

Almost two-thirds said Major League Baseball is not doing enough to prevent steroid use in baseball.

■ Two-thirds, 65 percent, thought Major League Base-ball should be responsible for creating and enforcing rules about steroid use in baseball, while 30 percent said the federal government should be responsible.

sponsible.
■ Eight in 10 said they are concerned that the use of performance-enhancing drugs by well-known athletes encourages young people to use those

■ Almost three-fourths said Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants should have been called to testify before Congress.

Sosa told the panel, "I am clean."

"Everything I have heard about steroids and human growth hor-

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Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig listens to testimony during a hearing on Capitol Hill to examine the use of steroids in baseball in Washington on Thursday. Selig defended baseball's steroids policy, saying it's "as good as any in professional sports" and adding that he agreed to shorter bans "on the theory that behavior modification should be the most important goal of our policy."

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